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AT THE COURT AT KENSINGTON,

The 26th Day of *December*, 1695.

PRESENT

The King's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY,

In Council.

Lord Keeper.
Lord Privy-Seal.
Duke of Norfolk.
Duke of Schonberge.
Duke of Shrewsbury.
Marq. of Wincheſter.
Lord Great Chamberlain.
Earl of Bridgwater.
Earl of Stamford.
Earl of Scarborough.
Earl of Romney.
Lord Godolphin.
Mr. Vice-Chamberlain.
Mr. Secret. Trumbull.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
L. Chief Juſtice Holt.
Mr. Ruſſell.
Mr. Boſcawen.
Mr. Smith.

WHEREAS *by Commiſſion under the Great Seal of* England, *to Sir* William Beeſton, *Knight, His* MAJESTY's *Lieutenant Governour,*

and Commander in Chief of the Iſland of JAMAICA, *bearing Dated the Twentieth Day of* September, *One Thouſand Six Hundrerd Ninety Two, in the Fourth Year of His* MAJESTY's *Reign; His* MAJESTY *has been Graciouſly pleaſed to Authorize and Impower the Governour, Council and Aſſembly of the ſaid Iſland, to Conſtitute and Ordain Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, which are to Continue and be in Force till His* MAJESTY's *Pleaſure be ſignified to the contrary. And forasmuch as certain Laws have in purſuance of the ſaid Commiſſion been tranſmitted to His* MAJESTY, *with the Humble Deſire of the Governour, Council and Aſſembly, that His* MAJESTY *would be Pleaſed to paſs the ſame in the Words following.*

An ACT

An ACT

For Eſtabliſhing a perpetual Anniverſary Faſt on the Seventh of June.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleaſed Almighty GOD, the Great Creator and Judge of Heaven and Earth, on the Seventh Day of *June*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Two, juſtly to puniſh the Inhabitants of this Iſland, for their manifold Sins and Wickedneſſes committed againſt his Divine Majeſty, by a moſt terrible and dreadful Earthquake, which not only laid waſte our Eſtates and Places of Habitations in general, but alſo deſtroyed many Hundreds of People; which tremendous Judgment was ſucceeded by a raging Sickneſs and Mortality, that few or no Families Eſcaped. Now, that ſo ſignal a Viſitation may be had in perpetual Remembrance, and we and our Poſterity may by humbling ourſelves, endeavour to appeaſe God's imminent Wrath, and prevent heavier Judgments: We Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Your Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly of this Your Iſland of *Jamaica*, do moſt humbly beſeech Your Moſt Sacred Majeſties, That it may be Enacted by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly; and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, that every Seventh Day of *June*, (unleſs it falls out to be on the Lord's Day, and then the Day following) ſhall be for ever hereafter ſet apart, to be kept and obſerved by all the Inhabitants of this Iſland, as an Anniverſary Day of Faſting and Humiliation; and that all and every the Inhabitants aforeſaid, ſhall upon

Preamble.

The Occaſion of the Act; the Earthquake.

A Yearly Faſt.

the ſaid Day, Annually reſort to ſome uſual Place where Prayers and Preaching are uſed to be Miniſtred, and there orderly and devoutly abide during the Celebration of Divine Service, by Prayers, Preaching, Singing of Pſalms, *&c.*

And to the end that all Perſons may be put in Mind of their Duty therein, and be the better prepared to diſcharge the ſame with that Piety and Devotion as becomes them: Be it further Enacted, That every Miniſter ſhall give Notice to his Pariſhioners, in the Church, or other Publick Place of Divine Worſhip, at Morning Prayer, the *Sunday* next before every ſuch Seventh Day of *June*, for the Obſervation of the ſaid Day, and that he provide a Sermon ſuitable to that Occaſion; and that in ſuch Pariſhes where there is no Miniſter, this Act ſhall be publiſhed Annually in the Seſſions next before the Seventh of *June*, as aforeſaid.

Notice to be given hereof by the Miniſter.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, neither by themſelves, Servants or Slaves, ſhall do, or cauſe to be done, any manner of Work in his or their Trade, Calling or Plantation: And that no Shop, Tavern, Coffee or Punch-Houſe be kept open on the ſaid Day, on Penalty of forfeiting Forty Shillings for every Perſon, by himſelf, Servant or Slave ſo Offending, as aforeſaid, to be Recovered before any of Their Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace, who are hereby Required and Empowered to award the ſame; one Half of which Forfeiture ſhall be to the Church-Wardens for the uſe of the Pariſh, and the other Half to the Informer, or him that ſhall Sue for the ſame.

Penalty for Offenders.

W. Bridgeman.

An

An ACT

For Raiſing Money, for, and towards the Defence of this Iſland.

WHEREAS it has been found by Sad and Lamentable Experience, that Their Majeſties Ships of War hitherto ordered to attend this Government, have not been ſo Serviceable to this Their Majeſties Iſland, in Cruiſing about the Coaſts thereof, as the Exigences of Their Subjects have from time to time required: The Enemies ſmall Crafts, Barque-Luengoes and nimble Veſſels, having from time to time Infeſted the remote Parts thereof, and Landed their Men, and made great Incurſions into the Country, and taken off, and carried away a very conſiderable Number of Slaves, and other Goods and Chattels of great Value, at ſeveral times, from many of Their Majeſties good Subjects Inhabiting thereabout; and may, if not timely prevented, deſtroy and unſettle all the Plantations ſettled on, or near the Sea-Coaſts, round this Iſland, to the great Diſhonour of Their Majeſties, and utter Ruin of Their Subjects here: *Preamble.*

WE therefore, Their Majeſties Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Aſſembly of this Their Majeſties Iſland of *Jamaica*, having taken into our Serious Conſiderations, how Injurious the Ruin and Deſtruction of Their Majeſties Plantations may in time prove to Their Imperial Crown, and being ready and willing to the utmoſt of our Abilities, under the preſent Calamities of War, and the great Deſtruction and Ruin of Their Majeſties Fortifications, and of our own Habitations and Works by the late more dreadful Earthquake, to provide for Their Majeſties Iſland aforeſaid, and the Reſiſtance of Their Enemies, Have unanimouſly

unanimouſly given and granted, and do hereby give and grant unto Their Majeſties, for, and towards the Buying or Hiring, Providing, Victualling, and Manning Two good Sloops of War, each with Fifty Effective Officers, Seamen and Soldiers, incluſively, to be Employed for Six Months, towards the Guarding of the Sea-Coaſts of this Their Majeſties Iſland, and in Cruiſing with Their Majeſties Friggats about the ſame, for the neceſſary Defence of it, and Common Safety of Their Subjects. And when on Emergent Occaſions the Governour or Commander in Chief, ſhall by his Orders and Inſtructions ſend over the Friggats to the Coaſts of *Hiſpaniola*, or South of *Cuba*, to commit Acts of Hoſtility, that then the ſaid Sloop or Sloops ſhall attend the Friggat or Friggats, ſo ordered, the Term of Twenty Days and no longer, and upon no other Occaſion or Pretence whatſoever, the full and entire Sum of Three Thouſand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence, currant Mony of this Iſland; and alſo for and towards the Raiſing of Two Parties, each of Ten Soldiers and Two Officers, for the Reducing Rebellious *Negroes*, for the like time of Six Months, the full and entire Sum of Three Hundred Twenty Five Pounds Six Shillings and Three Pence, like currant Mony of this Iſland; in all Four Thouſand Three Hundred Three Pounds Three Shillings and Nine Pence; which we do moſt Humbly beſeech Their Majeſties to Accept: And that it may be Enacted;

The Deſign.

The total Sum.

AND be it Enacted by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly of this Iſland, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, that the ſaid Sum of Four Thouſand Three Hundred Three Pounds Three Shillings and Nine Pence, currant Mony of this Iſland, be Aſſeſſed, Taxed and Laid on by the ſeveral and reſpective Juſtices and Veſtries, within their ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes and Precincts, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame within this Iſland, where there is any lawful Veſtries; and where

Who to be Aſſeſſors.

where they have no lawful Veſtries, by the Juſtices of that Pariſh or Precinct, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, or Major part of the Veſtry, in all and every the Pariſhes of this Iſland, on all and every Perſon within their ſeveral and Reſpective Pariſh or Precinct, by an Equal and Juſt Tax to be paid (within Three Months after the Tenth day of *June*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three) by the reſpective Pariſhes of this Their Majeſties Iſland of *JAMAICA*, into the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers hereafter Named, according to the ſeveral Rates and Proportions hereafter mentioned, in ſuch Sort and Manner as by this preſent Act ſhall be Limited and Appointed, and in no other Way or Manner whatſoever: that is to ſay, for every *Negro*, *Indian* or *Muletta* Slave within this Iſland, of what Age, Condition or Quality ſoever, or to whomſoever belonging, ſhall be Paid for by the Maſters, Proprietors, Owners, Poſſeſſors, Guardians or Perſons Intruſted in the ſeveral Plantations, Pens, Crawls or Settlements within this Iſland, the Sum of Eighteen Pence for each *Negro*, *Indian* or *Muletta* Slave aforeſaid, and alſo for all Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes and Neat Cattel, the Sum of Seven Pence Halfpeny for each Beaſt, and for all Sheep, Lambs, Goats and Kids, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence *per* Score.

Time of Payment.

Slaves rated.

and Cattel.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that it ſhall and may be Lawful for the Juſtices and Veſtry, in the ſeveral Pariſhes or Precincts, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, to Aſſeſs, Tax and Levy on all Overſeers and Hired Servants the Sum of Six Pence in the Pound upon the Wages they receive *per Annum*. And that all Handicrafts and Tradeſmen, be Rated and Taxed according to the Direction of the Juſtices and Veſtry in the ſeveral Pariſhes where they reſide, any Law, Cuſtom or Uſage to the Contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Hired Servants Taxed.

AND

Port-Royal. AND for the Pariſh of *Port Royal*, it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Juſtices and Veſtry ſhall Lay, Aſſeſs, Levy and cauſe to be Levy'd Twelve Pence in the Pound, on all Rents, to be Paid by all Tenants and Allowed by their Landlords and Proprietors, and on all Leaſes, to be Paid, by the Leſſee, and be Allowed by the Leſſor. And alſo on the ſeveral Inhabitants for their ſeveral Trades, Occupations and Callings, according as they were Rated, Aſſeſſed and Taxed by the Juſtices and Veſtry in the Pariſh-Roll on *Port Royal* aforeſaid, for this preſent Year, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three. And alſo on all Perſons ſo Reſiding at the Town of St. *Jago de la Vega*, Twelve Pence in the Pound on all Rents, to be Paid by all Tenants, and allowed by the Landlords and Proprietors. And all Leaſes to be Paid by the Leſſee, and Allowed by the Leſſor, and alſo according to the Rate, Tax and Sum Aſſeſſed by the Juſtices and Veſtry of St. *Katharines*, for this preſent Year One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three. And for the Perſons Reſiding on *Kingſton*, Twelve Pence in the Pound on all Rents, to be Paid by all Tenants and Allowed by the Landlords and Proprietors, and on all Leaſes to be paid by the Leſſee, and allowed by the Leſſor; and for their ſeveral Trades, Occupations and Callings, to be Rated and Taxed by the Juſtices of the Pariſh of St. *Andrews*, any thing in this Act to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

S. Jago de la Vega.

Kingſton.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Nation and People of the *Jews* Reſiding within this Iſland, Pay or cauſe to be Paid, towards the Raiſing of the ſaid Sum of Mony before mentioned, and expreſſed to be Raiſed on the Inhabitants of this Iſland, over and above and beſides the Tax as aforeſaid Aſſeſſed, the full Sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Currant Mony of this Iſland, to be rated, Aſſeſſed, Taxed, Collected and Paid in by *Solomon Ararij, Jacob de Leon, Moſes Toiro, Jacob Mendez Guteres, Jacob Henriques, Jacob Rodrigues de Leon, Moſes Jeſurum Cardoſo,*

The Jews.

Cardoſo, *Samuel Gabay*, *Jacob Lopes Torres*, *Iſaac Coutinho*, *Iſaac Nunes Gonſales* and *Abraham Nunes*, or any Five of them, into the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers hereafter mentioned, Impowred and Appointed to Receive the ſame, at, or within One Month after the Tenth day of *June*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, any thing herein to the Contrary notwithſtanding. And in Caſe of failure in the Compliance of the ſaid Payment, *Caſe of Failure.*

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds more, beſides the ſaid Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds above appointed to be Aſſeſſed on the Nation and People of the *Jews* aboveſaid: That then it ſhall and may be Lawful for the Treaſurer or Treaſurers hereafter to be appointed, by Warrant of Diſtreſs, under his or their Hands and Seals, Directed to the Conſtable or Conſtables for the reſpective Pariſhes where ſuch *Jew* or *Jews* reſide, to Levy or ſingly cauſe to be Levyed at Diſcretion upon the ſeveral *Jews*, Inhabitants of this Iſland, ſuch proportional Sum or Sums as ſhall make up the Sum of One Thouſand Pound as aforeſaid. And alſo if any of the *Jews* Rated or Aſſeſſed by the Perſons above-named, ſhall refuſe to Pay the ſaid Sum by them ſo Aſſeſſed; That then it ſhall and may be Lawful for the reſpective Juſtices in their reſpective Pariſhes, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, where the ſaid *Jews* reſide, for ſo much as any of the ſaid *Jews* are Aſſeſſed and Rated by the Perſons aboveſaid, who are hereby Impowred to Iſſue out their Warrant or Warrants to the reſpective Conſtables, to Diſtrain any of the Goods and Chattels of any of the ſaid *Jews* that ſhall refuſe or delay to pay the ſame: any Law, Cuſtom or Uſage to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

AND be it further Enacted, that if the ſeveral Perſons, or any of them of the *Jewiſh* Nation beforementioned, Impowred and Appointed to aſſeſs, levy, collect and pay in the aforeſaid Sum, aſſeſſed upon the Nation of

the *Jews*, ſhall neglect his or their Duty therein; that then it ſhall and may be Lawful for the Governor or Commander in Chief by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, Directed to the Provoſt-Marſhal or his Lawful Deputy, to Levy or cauſe to be Levied on all and every Perſon or Perſons ſo Offending, One Hundred Pound currant Mony of this Iſland, or the value thereof upon his or their Monies, Slaves, Goods or Chattels, and ſell the ſame by Publick Outcry, returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner; and in Caſe no Mony, Slaves or Goods are to be found as aforeſaid, that then he take into Cuſtody the Body of the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, and him or them in ſafe Cuſtody keep, until he or they Pay the ſaid Sum of One Hundred Pound for the ſaid Offence; any Law, Cuſtom or Uſage, or any thing in this Act ſeeming to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

100l. *forfeit.*

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that the reſpective Juſtices of the reſpective Pariſhes and Precincts, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, or any two of them, deliver into the Hands of their reſpective Conſtables within their reſpective Pariſhes and Precinct, a Roll of ſuch Tax or Aſſeſſment as aforeſaid, ſo that the Collection be made within Two Months after the Tenth day of *June*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, with a Warrant uuder the ſame, Signed and Sealed by the ſaid Juſtices, or any two of them, Impowring and Requiring the ſaid Conſtables to Levy the ſaid Tax or Aſſeſſment, and Pay the ſame into the hands of the Church-Wardens for the time being, in the Pariſh where the ſame is Taxed or Aſſeſſed as aforeſaid. And where it ſhall happen there are no Church-Wardens, That then the Conſtables are hereby required to Pay the ſame into the Hands of the Juſtices of the ſaid Pariſh, Deducting Four Pence in the Pound for Collecting the ſame in all the Pariſhes of this Iſland, (*Port Royal* and *Kingſton* only Excepted) where it ſhall be done *gratis*: who are hereby Required to Receive and Pay the ſame into the Hands

Time for Collection.

Hands of the Receiver or Receivers hereafter named, within one Month after the Collecting thereof. And leſt any Perſon or Perſons ſo as aforeſaid Taxed or Aſſeſſed, ſhall refuſe or delay to pay his or their Tax or Aſſeſſment, the ſaid Juſtices or any two of them, are hereby required in the Warrant aforeſaid to Impower and Command the Conſtables aforeſaid, by Vertue thereof, to Diſtrain the Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, or any other Perſonal Eſtate whatſoever of Him, Her or Them ſo refuſing or delaying, and ſell the ſame forthwith at Publick Outcry, retaining to themſelves Twelve Pence in the Pound for every ſuch Diſtreſs on Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, or any other Perſonal Eſtate whatſoever Diſtrained on, or Sold as aforeſaid; returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner. *Diſtreſs to be made.*

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that for the better Aſſeſſing, Collecting, Levying and Paying in the Sums of Mony, ſo as aforeſaid Limited and Appointed to be Raiſed and Paid as aforeſaid; and for the more Effectual putting this Act in Execution, the Juſtices and Veſtries within their ſeveral Pariſhes and Precincts, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, are hereby Required and Impowred immediately on the paſſing this Act, with all poſſible Speed to proceed to the Diſcharge of their ſaid Duties, in Manner and Form as is before Directed and Appointed. *Juſtices and Veſtries Duty.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that if the Juſtices, Veſtry-men, Conſtables or Church-Wardens, or any of them, ſhall neglect or wilfully fail in his or their Duty in Aſſeſſing, Collecting or Paying the ſame as aforeſaid; That then and in ſuch Caſe every Juſtice ſo Neglecting or wilfully failing in his or their Duty in this Act Preſcribed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, ſhall Forfeit Fifty Pound; and all and every Veſtry-man, Church-Warden or Conſtable *Penalty of Neglect.*

ſtable, the ſum of Twenty Pound, for every ſuch Offence as aforeſaid.

AND be it Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that all Owners of Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Lambs, Kids, Tradeſmen and Hired-men whatſoever as aforeſaid, ſhall and are hereby by Themſelves, Guardians, Overſeers, Truſtees or Pen-keepers within the ſeveral Pariſhes aforeſaid, required and obliged to give a juſt and true Account on Oath to the beſt of their Knowledge, at ſuch Time or Times as the Juſtices of each Pariſh or Precinct, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, ſhall Direct, of all Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, Rents, Trades and Callings whatſoever as aforeſaid belonging to ſuch Owner, Guardian, Overſeer, Truſtees or Pen-keepers within their reſpective Pariſh or Precinct, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame (the Nation of the *Jews* only Excepted) to the Juſtices of the Peace, or any of them in the ſaid Pariſhes or Precincts, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, who are hereby Required and Impowred to Adminiſter the ſame, and to ask all ſuch further Queſtions as to them or any of them ſhall ſeem Meet and Neceſſary, relating to this preſent Act. The Tenour of which Oath ſhall be as followeth. I *A. B.* do Swear, that I have within the Pariſh of *C*-------- Slaves, Young and Old, and alſo -------- Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, and no more: So help me God. And if it be to an Overſeer, I *D. E.* Overſeer of the Plantation of *F. G.* do Swear that the ſaid *F. G.* hath within the Pariſh of *H*— — — Slaves, Young and Old, and alſo— — —Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, *&c.* and no more, to the beſt of my knowledg. And ſo to Pen-keepers or any other Perſon for Cattle, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, Rents, Trades, Taverns and Callings whatſoever,

Account on Oath.

Oath.

whatſoever, *Mutatis Mutandis*; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall refuſe either by Themſelves, Overſeers or Pen-keepers, to give an Account upon Oath as aforeſaid, of their Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, Rents, Trades and Callings in manner aforeſaid; That then it ſhall be Lawful for the Juſtices and Veſtry, or the Juſtices where there is no Veſtry, to Tax the Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing according to their Diſcretion. *Caſe of Refuſal.*

AND foraſmuch as the preſent Neceſſity will require the Advancing of Mony for and towards the Buying or Hiring and Equipping the ſaid Two Sloops and Men to Sea, with all poſſible Expedition:

BE it enacted by Authority aforeſaid, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons to advance and lend to Their Majeſties, for and towards the furtherance of this preſent occaſion, ſuch Sum or Sums of Mony as may be needful; and that whoſoever ſhall advance and lend any ſuch Sum or Sums of Mony upon the ſecurity of this Act, ſhall receive for the Loan of the Sum they ſhall ſo lend after the rate of Twelve Pound Ten Shillings, *per Cent. per Ann.* for the time he or they ſhall be in diſburſe of the ſaid Sum, on the Credit of this ſaid Act as aforeſaid, any thing beforementioned to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *Intereſt on Mony advanc'd.*

AND to the end that all Moneys that ſhall be lent unto Their Majeſties upon the Credit hereof may be well and ſufficiently ſecured:

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall Advance and Lend any Sum or Sums of Mony to Their Majeſties, on the Credit of this Act, and actually Pay the ſame into the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers hereafter Named and Appointed, ſhall by the Receiver or Receivers on the firſt Payment of Mony that ſhall be Paid into the Receivers

Receivers Hands, by virtue of this Act, be forthwith Paid into the Perſon or Perſons, their Executors or Adminiſtrators, ſo lending the ſaid Sum Advanced, with the Intereſt of the ſame, for the diſcharge of the Mony ſo Lent and Advanced. And that all and every other Sum or Sums of Mony that ſhall be laid out, or be Paid by the Receiver or Receivers, for and towards the Buying, Equipping, Victualling and fitting to Sea; as alſo for Paying the Officers and Seamen on Board the ſaid Sloops: and alſo for Paying the Officers and Soldiers of the Two Parties beforementioned, for Reducing the Rebellious Negroes, ſhall as they become due, be Paid by the Receiver or Receivers that are hereafter mentioned and Appointed, without Fee or Charge.

Receivers Names.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Honourable Colonel *Charles Knights*, one of Their Majeſties Council of this Iſland, and alſo Colonel *Thomas Clarke*, Captain *Lancelot Talbott*, Captain *Robert Wardlow*, *William Hutchinſon* Eſq; Captain *Joſiah Heathcote* and Captain *Thomas Clarke*, be and are hereby Required and Impowred and Warranted to be Receiver or Receivers, of all and ſingular the ſeveral Sums aforeſaid, mentioned and intended to be raiſed on the ſeveral Pariſhes or People aforeſaid, and ſhall and may Lawfully by Advice and Conſent of the Lieutenant Governour or Commander in Chief, forthwith Buy or Hire Two good and ſubſtantial Sloops fit for War, and Provide, Equip, Fit ready for the Sea, and Victual the ſame for Fifty Effective Officers, Seamen and Soldiers Incluſively, for each Sloop for the ſaid Six Months, or for ſuch ſhorter time as to to them ſhall appear moſt convenient; and that the ſaid Two Sloops being thus Fitted and Victualled, it is hereby Required that the Right Honourable Sir *William Beeſton* Knight, Their Majeſties Lieutenant Governour aforeſaid, by Commiſſion under his Hand and Seal, do Conſtitute and Appoint on Board each of the ſaid Sloops, ſuch Diſcreet and Able Captains for this preſent Service, as his Honour ſhall

Captains appointed by whome.

ſhall in his Prudence think fit, and can Confide in; and that each of the ſaid Captains receive for their Pay after the rate of Six Pounds *per* Month: And likewiſe appoint by his Warrant for each Sloop one Maſter at Four Pounds *per* Month; one Boatſwain, one Gunner at Three Pounds *per* Month each; one Chirurgeon, and one Carpenter at Four Pounds *per* Month each, on Board each Sloop. And Command and Require them in Their Majeſties name to Raiſe and Enliſt on Board the ſaid Two Sloops, by Impreſſing or otherwiſe, to make and fill up the full number of Fifty Effective Officers, Seamen and Soldiers in each Sloop, who ſhall alſo receive after the rate of Forty Shillings each Man *per* Month. And that their monthly Pay, ariſing from this preſent Service, ſhall be paid out of the Mony raiſed by this preſent Act, Commanding and Requiring the reſpective Captains of each Sloop aforeſaid, by his Commiſſion and Inſtructions therewith to be given, that they take care from time to time, to their utmoſt Abilities, to Guard and Defend the Coaſts of this Iſland by conſtant Cruiſing, and looking out both Windward and Leward, North and South ſides of this Iſland, as his Honour in his great Wiſdom ſhall from time to time Direct and Command. *And other Officers.*

BE it alſo Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Colonel *Charles Knights*, and *Joſiah Heathcote*, Eſq; be and are hereby appointed, impowered, and warranted to be Treaſurers to Receive and Pay all Sum and Sums of Mony as ſhall from time to time come to their Hands, for the more eaſie and ready diſpatch of ſuch Perſons as they may have occaſion to Deal with; or pay all ſuch Wages unto the Officers, Seamen and Soldiers, as the Occaſion and Intent of this Act may require. And as ſoon as the Receiver or Receivers, before appointed and impowered, have Bought or Hired, and Equipped the ſaid Sloops, and Victualled them with ſufficient Victuals for their reſpective Complements of Men aforeſaid, for the time they ſhall find convenient: That the ſaid *Treaſurers.*

Sloops

Sloops be forthwith diſpatcht out to Sea by Command and Direction of the Lieutenant Governour, or Commander in Chief, to Cruiſe about the Coaſts of this Iſland, as aforeſaid. And that the Receiver, or Receivers, keep a diſtinct Accompt of the Mony raiſed by this preſent Act. And for all Payments made for the Uſes and Purpoſes by this Act required, and render a juſt and true Accompt thereof, when demanded, unto Their Majeſties Lieutenant Governour, or Commander in Chief, and Council, of all Sum and Sums of Mony by them, and every of them received by Vertue of this preſent Act, and how laid out, and for what, and to whom, and for what Uſes. And ſhall in like manner give an Accompt to the Aſſembly of this Iſland when Sitting and Aſſembled, when thereunto required, of ſo much of the ſaid Mony as ſhall be by them, and every of them reſpectively received, and to whom the ſame are iſſued and paid by them reſpectively, and to what Uſes, and if the ſaid Receiver, or Receivers, or any of them, after the Receipt of any of the ſaid Monies, ſhall divert or miſapply the ſame, or any part thereof by any pretence whatſoever, otherwiſe than before intended and directed, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act; he or they ſo Offending ſhall forfeit to Their Majeſties, for, and towards the ſupport of the Government of this Iſland, and contingent Charges thereof, double the Sum ſo diverted or miſapplyed.

Accompt to be given.

Forfeit.

AND for the better Order and Government of the ſaid Sloops of War, wherein the Honor of Their Majeſties, and the Intereſt of this Iſland are ſo much concerned: Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Articles and Orders mentioned in certain Acts of Parliament, made in the Thirteenth year of the Reign of His Majeſty *Charles* the Second, of bleſſed Memory, for the Eſtabliſhing Articles and Orders for the Regulating and better Governing of his Majeſty's Navies, and Ships of War, and Forces by Sea, ſhall be duly and reſpectively put in Execution, Obſerved, and Obeyed on Board

Articles and Orders.

Board the ſaid Sloops of War: And are hereby declared to be the Law of this Iſland againſt all ſuch Perſon or Perſons aboard the ſaid Sloops, as ſhall Offend therein. And for further Encouragement of the Officers, Seamen, and Soldiers aboard the ſaid Sloops, All Ships, Sloops, or Veſſels by them taken from the Enemy, and not belonging to this Iſland, are hereby likewiſe given them for their ſaid Encouragement. Provided always, that all Slaves, Veſſels, or Goods belonging to Their Majeſties Subjects of this Iſland, which the ſaid Sloops of War ſhall happen to retake before they ſhall have arrived at the Enemies Port, during the time that they, or either of them are employed in this preſent Service, on the Countries Charge as aforeſaid, ſhall be returned to the reſpective Owners or Proprietors, their Agents or Attorneys, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Encouragement of Officers, &c.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Parties hereby raiſed, or to be raiſed for the ſubduing the Rebellious *Negroes* aforeſaid, in caſe of Miſdemeanour or Neglect of their Duty in that behalf, ſhall be liable to the Pains and Puniſhments preſcribed in the Articles of War, as when Martial Law is in force in this Iſland, and that the Captain of each Party receive for his Service in this Act intended and appointed, the Sum of Four Pounds *per* Month, and that each Serjeant alſo receive Fifty Shillings *per* Month, and each Soldier Forty Shillings *per* Month, to be paid by the Receiver or Receivers, without any Fee or Charge to either Officer or Soldier.

Pay for the Land-Forces.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That for the better Encouraging of the Perſons Employed on Board the ſaid Sloops for the Service of Their Majeſties, and this Iſland, that they ſhall receive as Salvage for all Veſſels, Slaves, and other Goods taken of this Iſland, and by them retaken before they are landed in any of the Enemies Commiſſion-Ports,

Prizes retaken.

One ſixth part of the Veſſels, Slaves or Goods ſo retaken, or the value thereof, the ſaid Veſſels, Slaves or Goods having been firſt Appraiſed by two Perſons indifferently Choſen, one by the Commander or Commanders of the ſaid Sloop or Sloops, and the other by the reſpective Owner or Owners; which ſhall be divided among the Officers, Seamen and Soldiers of the ſaid Veſſels, proportionably to the Pay each Perſon receives of the Country for that Service.

Negro kill'd, or retaken.

AND that all ſuch Perſons as ſhall go out in the Parties to reduce the Negroes in Rebellion, may be induced to proceed with the more Reſolution and Vigour; it is hereby Enacted that they ſhall Receive from the Treaſurers, for each Negro Killed that was Actually in Rebellion, which ſhall be Evidenced by bringing in his Head to any Juſtice, the Sum of Forty Shillings: And for each Negro in Rebellion taken and brought in alive, not Maimed or Mortally Wounded, the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be paid by the Owner or Proprietor of ſuch Slave or Slaves, who is hereby obliged under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds to Tranſport the Slave or Slaves ſo Reduced from Actual Rebellion: And in caſe that no Owner can be found; That then the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, by this Act appointed, or either of them, ſhall be by this Act Obliged and Impowred to pay the ſaid Ten Pounds out of the Treaſury, and Receive the ſaid Slave or Slaves, and him or them Sell and Tranſport as aforeſaid: And the Produce retain in his or their Hands to be employed in the ſaid Service, and for defraying the Contingent Charges thereof. And to the end that it may be the better known who is a Negro in Rebellion, It is hereby declared that all Negroes that have been abſent from their Owner or Plantation, the Term of Six Months, be and are accounted as in actual Rebellion, any thing to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that in Caſe any of the Officers, Seamen or Soldiers on Board the

the ſaid Sloops, or in the ſaid Parties, ſhall, in actual Service, loſe either Leg or Arm, or be otherwiſe Diſabled: That then and in all ſuch Caſes, all and every of the ſaid Diſabled Men ſhall receive Ten Pound *per Annum* without Charge, during his or their Natural Lives: And alſo their Cures to be Paid for out of the Publick Revenue of this Iſland, by order of the Lieutenant-Governour and Council, or of the Government of this Iſland, out of the firſt Payment. *Caſe of Maim.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that all Monies which ſhall Remain over and above, or be not Expended of the ſaid Sum of Four Thouſand Three Hundred Three Pounds Three Shillings and Nine Pence, ariſing by vertue of this Act, and not hereby applyed towards the defraying the Charges of the Sloops and Parties aforeſaid, ſhall be and remain in the hands of the ſaid Treaſurers or either of them, by this Act appointed to be applyed and diſpoſed of, for and towards ſuch other uſe or uſes as the Aſſembly of this Iſland ſhall appoint by a Law: And that the ſaid Receiver or Receivers, Treaſurer or Treaſurers be allowed all his or their, or either of their reaſonable Charges, in and about the diſcharging the Truſt hereby repoſed in them, Commiſſion or pretences to Commiſſion hereby excepted. *Surplus not expended.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Fines and Forfeitures mentioned in this Act and not declared where they ſhall be Recovered, or how Diſpoſed of, be one half to Their Majeſties, for and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the contingent Charges thereof; the other half to the Informer, who ſhall Sue for the ſame in any Court of Record within this Iſland, and where no *Eſſoyne, Protection, Injunction, Wager of Law* or *nonvult ulterius proſequi* ſhall be allowed. *Fines, &c. how diſpoſed.*

An ACT

To Encourage Sea-faring Men, and other Their MAJESTIES Subjects.

Preamble. WHEREAS great Numbers of Perſons, as well Sea-faring Men as others, by the ill Uſage and Diſcouragement they have formerly met with, have been driven from this Iſland, and for Common Subſiſtence, many of them have fallen under the Neceſſity of taking unlawful Courſes, and been forced ever ſince the preſent War with *France*, to ſeek for Shelter in the Ports and Settlements belonging to the *French* King in the *Weſt-Indies*, and elſewhere, and afterwards Compelled to enter into his Service.

AND whereas divers other Perſons being Diſabled by their Loſſes in the late Dreadful Earthquake, and other Misfortunes, to Pay their Debts to avoid the Suits and Proſecutions of their Creditors, have been likewiſe obliged to go off this Iſland; And by reaſon of the Offences and Debts aforeſaid, cannot ſafely return again. And foraſmuch as nothing can more conduce to the Strength, Security, and Flouriſhing Condition of this Country, than Multitudes of People; and that it is become abſolutely neceſſary in Order thereunto, for putting the Iſland in this time of War, into a Poſture of Defence againſt the Enemy, to Invite and Encourage as much as poſſible, Their Majeſties Subjects to come to this Iſland, by Delivering them from the Penalties and Forfeitures they have already incurr'd, and by preventing all

all Vexation and Trouble they may be put to hereafter, by any Proſecution in Their Majeſties Name for the ſaid Offences, or by means of the Suit or Suits of any other Perſons to whom they ſtand indebted:

THE Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly, moſt humbly beſeech Their Majeſties to be Graciouſly pleaſed to extend to all Perſons ſo Offending, as aforeſaid, Their Majeſties Free and General Pardon, and for the Eaſe and Quiet of them and the reſt, to give convenient Time to Pay their Debts. *Free and General Pardon.*

AND that therefore it may be Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly, and be it Enacted by the Authority of the ſame in Manner and Form following, that is to ſay, That all and every Perſon and Perſons whoſoever, ſhall be, and are hereby Acquitted, Pardoned, Releaſed, and Diſcharged againſt Their Majeſties, Their Heirs and Succeſſors, and all others whomſoever, of, and from all manner of Penalties incurr'd by Serving under the *French* King or his Subjects as aforeſaid; and all Crimes and Offences, Acts of Hoſtility, or Violence whatſoever (Treaſon and Murder excepted) and of, and from all manner of Depredations by Sea or by Land, and all other Crimes, Offences and Miſdemeanors whatſoever, already done and committed before the Firſt Day of this Seſſion, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, and not otherwiſe or afterwards; And of and from all manner of Forfeitures, Penalties, Pains Corporal, and Pains Pecuniary, and all Suits, Judgments and Executions, for, or by reaſon of the ſame, or any of them.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon or Perſons that have committed Piracy or Robbery by Sea, and not Murder or Treaſon, that ſhall come hither, and Surrender and Submit themſelves within Ten Days after their Arrival *Time of Surrender.*

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in this Iſland, unto the Commander in Chief for the time being, and give in moderate Security for their future Good Behaviour, that then, and in ſuch Caſe, the ſaid Commander in Chief ſhall be by Vertue of this Act obliged to extend to ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo Submitting and Surrendring as aforeſaid, Their Majeſties Gracious Pardon under the Great Seal of this Iſland, for the Crime or Crimes afore-mentioned, without Let, Hindrance, or Moleſtation from Their Majeſties Attorney-General, or any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever; for which Pardon, the Parties to whom Their Majeſties Mercy is ſo extended, ſhall pay the Summ of Forty Shillings, and no more, to be paid as a full Fee unto ſuch Officer or Officers as the Commander in Chief ſhall Direct and Appoint to receive the ſame.

Fee for Pardon.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Attorney-General, or any other Officer or Officers whatſoever, that ſhall preſume by any way or means, directly or indirectly, to Exact any Summ or Summs of Money of any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, to whom ſuch Act of Mercy is extended, or intended to be extended, ſhall forfeit the Summ of One Hundred Pound, currant Money, one Half to Their Majeſties, for, and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the Contingent Charges thereof; and the other Half to the Party injured, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any Court of Record within this Iſland, where no Eſſoyne, Protection, Injunction, Wager of Law, or *Nonvult ulterius proſequi*, ſhall be allowed; any Law, Cuſtom or Uſage, or any Thing in this Act ſeeming to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Caſe of Exaction.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Their Majeſties Free-Pardon as aforeſaid, ſhall be as good and effectual in the Law to every of the ſaid Perſons before-mentioned, as the ſame Pardon

don ſhould have been, if all and every the Perſons, and all and ſingular the Offences aforeſaid, had been particularly, ſingularly, eſpecially, and plainly Named, Rehearſed, and Specified, and alſo Pardoned by proper and expreſs Words and Names, and be as fully, largely, amply and beneficially Underſtood, Interpreted and Expounded to all Intents and Purpoſes, againſt Their Majeſties, Their Heirs and Succeſſors, and all others, to, and for the Benefit, Advantage, and Favour of the Perſons before intended to be Pardoned, as the ſame can, or may be Underſtood, Interpreted and Expounded; any Statutes, Acts, Laws, Cuſtoms, or Uſages heretofore had, made or uſed to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

This Pardon to be taken in the largeſt Senſe.

AND be it further Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly, and by the Authority of the ſame, That all and every Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, that ſhall come and Reſide here, and Claim the Benefit of this Act, and be employed in the Service of the Country in Privateering Trade, or otherwiſe, ſhall by Vertue hereof be Protected, Excepted, and Excuſed from the Payment of their ſaid Debts, contracted before their coming hither, or their going off from hence, for the ſpace of Five Years, to be computed from the Firſt Day of this preſent Seſſion, and during the ſaid Time, that all real, perſonal, or mixt Actions, and all Arreſts, Proceſs, Suits, Informations, Judgments, Executions, and all other Proſecutions whatſoever, to be had, commenced, ſued or proſecuted for, or by reaſon of their ſaid Debts, or any Summ or Summs of Money by them as aforeſaid, Due or Owing to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, be, and are hereby Suſpended, Reſpited and Diſcharged, and made Void, for and during the ſaid Term of Five Years and no longer.

Time for Debtors.

PROVIDED always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this preſent Act, That no Perſon or Perſons

Perſons claiming the Benefit of the ſame, ſhall plead the Statute of Limitation in their Favour or behalf, as if the ſaid Intermiſſion had not been after the Expiration of the ſaid Five Years, but that the ſame ſhall be accounted as if this Law had not been made, any Thing in this Act ſeeming to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Suit commenced contrary to this Act.

AND if any Action or Suit hereby Suſpended, Reſpited and Diſcharged, ſhall be Commenced or Proſecuted, every Perſon ſo Sued may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff ſhall become Nonſuit, or forbear further Proſecution, or ſuffer Diſcontinuance, or if a Verdict ſhall paſs againſt him, the ſaid Plaintiff ſhall for ever abſolutely Forfeit and Loſe his Original Debt ſo Sued for, and beſides, Pay to the Defendant his Double Coſts and Charges out of Purſe; to be Aſſeſſed by the Jury, or the Judges of the Court, where ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be Commenced, and Levied by Rule of Court, of the ſaid Plaintiff's Goods and Chattels, or the ſaid Plaintiff to ſtand committed till Payment thereof, at the Diſcretion of the ſaid Court.

Names to be enrolled.

PROVIDED always, nevertheleſs, That no Perſon ſhall take, or have any Benefit or Advantage by this Act, or any thing therein contained, who ſhall not within Twenty Days after his Arrival, cauſe his Name to be Entred into the Office of Inrolments for this Iſland, in a Book to be kept there for that particular Purpoſe, and Claim, and Demand the Benefit of the ſame; which ſaid Claim, and Demand, and Entry of his Name as aforeſaid, ſhall be to all Intents and Purpoſes; as effectual and available in the Law, as if the ſaid Perſon had been herein particularly named and expreſſed, and an atteſted Copy of the ſaid Entry and Claim as aforeſaid, ſhall be pleaded in any Court, and of as much Authority, Force and Validity in the Law, as this preſent Act, or Special Pardon under the Broad Seal as aforeſaid,

ſaid; any Statutes, Acts, Laws, Uſages or Cuſtoms to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Secretary, or Clerk of the Enrolments for the time being, ſhall not refuſe to make Entry of ſuch Claim and Demand as aforeſaid, and give an atteſted Copy thereof; or take more than Fifteen Pence for ſuch Entry, and the Copy thereof, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds for every ſuch Offence, to be paid to him, who by Bill, Plaint, Information, or Action of Debt, ſhall Sue for the ſame. *Fee for Enrolment.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That whereas by an Act of this Country, Entitled, *An Act for Reſtraining and Puniſhing Privateers and Pyrates*; in which Act, among other Things, there is contained one Clauſe, Branch and Article, whereby it was thus Enacted: Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon and Perſons that ſhall any way knowingly, Entertain, Harbour, Conceal, Trade, or Hold any Correſpondence by Letter, or otherwiſe, with any Perſon or Perſons that ſhall be deemed, or adjudged to be Privateers, Pyrates, or other Offenders within the Conſtruction of this Act; and that ſhall not readily endeavour to the beſt of his or their Power, to apprehend, or cauſe to be apprehended, ſuch Offender or Offenders, ſhall be liable to be Proſecuted as Acceſſaries and Confederates, and to ſuffer ſuch Pains and Penalties as in ſuch Caſe by Law is provided. *Relation to a former Act.*

WHICH ſaid Clauſe, Branch, or Article contained in the ſaid Act, and every Word, Matter, and Thing contained in that Clauſe, Branch or Article, ſhall from henceforth be repealed, annulled, revoked, annihilated, and utterly made void for ever, any Thing in the ſaid Act to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *Cauſe repealed.*

An ACT

For making Kingſton *a Pariſh.*

Preamble. WHEREAS it hath pleaſed Almighty God by his late Dreadful Judgment, to lay Waſte, and Deſtroy the Habitations and Dwelling-Places of many of the People, late of *Port-Royal*, whereby they were neceſſitated to reſort to ſome more convenient Place, wherein to Unite and Settle for the Advantage of Trade, and better Conveniency of Living, and did by the Encouragement of the then Government, Repair to, and Settle upon a certain Place now called and known by the Name of *Kingſton*, in the Pariſh of St. *Andrews*, on the Harbour of *Port-Royal* aforeſaid; and have with great Trouble and Charge made a Conſiderable Progreſs in Building and Settling there, and being willing and deſirous there to Continue by reaſon of the Convenient Situation of the Place, and Commodiouſneſs of the Channel and Harbour:

Bounds thereof. BE it therefore Enacted and Ordained by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, That the aforeſaid Place commonly called and known by the Name of *Kingſton*, lying in the Pariſh of St. *Andrews*, on the Harbour of *Port-Royal*, bounded Southerly by the Harbour, Weſterly and Northerly by the Line of the Land of Sir *William Beeſton* Knight, and to continue from a *Callabaſh* his North-Eaſterly Corner Tree, by a ſtrait Line to the Foot of the Long Mountain, Eighty Chain diſtant from the Sea, and from thence towards Three Rivers at the ſame Diſtance from the Sea, until it meets with the Bounds

Bounds of the Pariſh of *Port-Royal*; And alſo all that Part of the Harbour which lies to the North-Eaſterly and Eaſterly Part of the Middle Ground, ſhall be and for ever hereafter be taken and eſteemed to all Intents and Purpoſes, an intire and diſtinct Pariſh, ſeparate from the ſaid Pariſh of St. *Andrews*, and be called and known by the Name of the Town and Pariſh of *Kingſton*, and Have, Uſe, Exerciſe, and Enjoy all and every the Powers, Authorities, Benefits, Priviledges, Rights, Immunities and Cuſtoms, that all or any of the Pariſhes or Precincts within this Iſland, have, or ought to Have, Uſe, Exerciſe, or Enjoy of Common Right, or by Vertue of any General Act or Acts of this Country, as fully, amply and effectually, as if the ſame had then been a diſtinct and ſeparate Pariſh or Precinct, and therein by Name expreſly mentioned and ſpecified: And particularly, that there ſhall be choſen Three Repreſentatives to Serve in every Aſſembly hereafter, or after the firſt Prorogation of this preſent Aſſembly for the ſaid Town and Pariſh of *Kingſton*, any Law, Cuſtom or Uſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That for the Eaſe of the Merchants and Trading People of the ſaid Town of *Kingſton*, that there be Erected, Eſtabliſhed and Held in the ſaid Town, a Quarter-Seſſions for the Conſervation of the Peace, and a Court of *Common-Pleas*, with the ſame Power and Authority, that is, or hath been lately Held or Exerciſed at *Port-Royal*, which ſaid Court ſhall be held the firſt time on the Second *Thurſday* in *October*, in this preſent Year One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, and afterwards Once every Two Months, and the Seſſions every Three Months, any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithſtanding. *Courts of Juſtice.*

Publick Offices.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Receiver-General, Secretary of this Iſland, and Naval Officer for the time being, do by Themſelves or Deputies within One Month after the paſſing this Act, keep, or cauſe to be kept in the Town of *Kingſton* aforeſaid, their ſeveral and reſpective Offices, as they now do, or heretofore have or ought to have done on *Port-Royal*, on Penalty of Fifty Pounds each for every Month, they or any of them ſhall Neglect or Refuſe to do the ſame, to be Recovered againſt them, or any of them, by Bill, Plaint, Information, or otherwiſe, in the Supreme Court of this Iſland; the One Half to Their Majeſties, for, and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the contingent Charges thereof, and the other Half to the Informer, or him that ſhall Sue for the ſame, wherein no Eſſoyn, Injunction, Protection, Wager of Law, or *Nonvult ulterius proſequi* ſhall be Allowed.

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An ACT

For the better Securing of Port Royal.

WHEREAS the Town of *Port-Royal* is a Town of a very Conſiderable Trade, and of great Strength to reſiſt the Enemy in time of War, by reaſon of Their Majeſties Fortifications, and a great number of Houſes through the Mercy of God left ſtanding thereon. *Preamble.*

AND whereas by the late Dreadful Earthquake the Land on the Back-Sea-ſide is ſettled lower than it was, by reaſon whereof the Sea hath more power to gain upon it, and if not timely prevented by Wharfing to reſiſt the Violence thereof, may endanger the Houſes that are ſtanding on that Sea-ſide, for prevention whereof

BE it Enacted and Ordained by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be lawful, from, and after the Twenty Fifth day of *July*, in the Year of our Lord 1693. for the Juſtices and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Port-Royal*, or the Major part of them, to Aſſeſs, Tax, and Levy ſuch Sum, or Sums of Mony, upon all and every the Freeholders of the ſaid Pariſh of *Port-Royal*, as to them ſhall ſeem Meet and Convenient, for, and towards the Wharfing, or otherwiſe Securing the Town of *Port-Royal* towards the Great-Sea-ſide abovementioned. *Mony for the Work.*

AND

AND whereas after the Wharfs are made they may from time to time want Repairing, Be it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the same; that it shall and may be lawful for the Justices and Vestry of *Port-Royal* aforesaid, or the Major part of them, to Assess, Tax, and Levy yearly, and every Year, such Sum or Sums of Mony upon the Freeholders of the said Parish of *Port-Royal*, at such times as to them shall seem requisite or necessary, for Repairing and Maintaining the said Wharfs; and that the Constable or Constables of the said Parish of *Port-Royal* shall gather in the abovesaid Monies so to be Levyed, Assessed and Taxed, as before mentioned and appointed by this present Act; and pay the same into the Hands of the Church-Wardens of the said Parish of *Port-Royal* for the time being, Deducting to him or themselves Four Pence in the Pound for Collecting the same. And in Case any Constable or Constables shall neglect his or their Duty in Collecting, Gathering, or Paying in the Mony so Collected by Vertue of this Act, he or they so neglecting his or their Duty therein, shall Forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

For the Repairs.

AND in Case any Person or Persons shall refuse or delay to pay his or their Tax so to be Assessed, Taxed, and Levyed, as in this present Act is prescribed, Be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful to, and for any two of Their Majesties Justices of the Peace of the Parish of *Port-Royal* aforesaid, to Issue out their Warrant of Distress, directed to any Constable of the said Parish, to Levy the same upon the Goods or Chattels of him, her, or them so refusing or delaying to pay the same, and Sell the same at Publick Outcry, returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner.

Case of Refusal.

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AND to the Intent that the Mony which ſhall be Collected and Raiſed by virtue of this Act, may be applyed to the uſe and purpoſe by this Act mentioned and directed, Be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Church-Warden or Church-Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh of *Port-Royal* for the time being, ſhall, and are hereby required from time to time to pay the Mony ariſing by virtue of this Act to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and to ſuch Uſes as the Juſtices and Veſtry, or major part of them ſhall direct and appoint, and that the Church-Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the time being ſhall keep a diſtinct Accompt of the Mony by them, and each of them received by virtue of this Act, and likewiſe render a true and juſt Accompt thereof to the Juſtices, and Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh of *Port-Royal*, when thereunto required, and alſo pay the full Balance of the ſame unto the ſucceeding Church-Wardens, or to whomſoever the ſaid Juſtices and Veſtry, or major part of them ſhall direct and appoint, under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds for every Offence committed contrary to their Duty in this Act enjoyned. *Payment to whom.*

AND whereas ſeveral of the Freeholders of *Port-Royal* may be, or are not Reſident or Inhabitants on the ſaid Place, for the better Recovery of the ſaid Tax to be Aſſeſſed as aforeſaid, Be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that in ſuch Caſes, from, and after the Twenty Fifth Day of *July*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, an Action of Debt ſhall Lye in any Court of Record, or before any Juſtice of the Peace, as in other Debts, for the Church-Wardens of the reſpective Pariſh of *Port-Royal*, and their Succeſſors to Recover againſt any of the ſaid Perſons Rated, or Aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, or any of them, or their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Aſſigns, Agents or Attorneys here, all ſuch Sum and Sums of Mony as are, or ſhall be Rated or Aſſeſſed upon them as aforeſaid. And that *Abſent Freeholders.*

that the ſame Rate or Aſſeſſment produced in ſuch Court of Record, or before ſuch Juſtice of the Peace as aforeſaid, ſhall be ſufficient Evidence and Proof for the Recovery of all ſuch Sum or Sums of Mony ſo Rated or Aſſeſſed as aforeſaid.

Neglect of Rebuilding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons being Seized, Poſſeſſed, or Intereſted of, or in any Ground which was formerly builded upon, and the Houſes thereupon being now Deſtroyed, or pulled Down at the times, or by the means of the late Dreadful Earthquake, ſhall not within Three Years next Enſuing Build on the ſame, that then the Judges of the Court of *Common-Pleas* of the ſaid Pariſh for the time being, or any one of them, ſhall forthwith cauſe publick Proclamation to be made, as well at, or upon the ſaid Ground, as alſo in the Court-Houſe of the ſaid Pariſh, thereby to give notice to all Perſons that ſhall, or may be therein Concerned, to cauſe the ſame to be rebuilded within the ſpace of Nine Months then next following, and in Caſe the Owners thereof, or other Perſon or Perſons having Intereſt therein, ſhall refuſe or neglect to Rebuild the ſame within ſuch time as aforeſaid, that then, and in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Judges of the ſaid Court, or any one of them, are hereby Authorized to Iſſue out their Warrants to the Provoſt Marſhal for the time being, requiring him to Impannel, and return before them, or any one of them, a Jury of good and lawful Men of the ſaid Pariſh, which the ſaid Provoſt Marſhal is hereby Authorized and Required to do accordingly, which Jury ſo Returned ſhall upon their Oaths to be Adminiſtred to them by the ſaid Judges, or one of them, who are likewiſe hereby Authorized to Adminiſter the ſame, Enquire, Eſtimate, and Aſſeſs the true and juſt Value of ſuch void Ground, according to their Judgments; and that from, and after ſuch Enquiry and Valuation thereof made as aforeſaid, by Inqueſt of the ſaid Jury, it ſhall, and may be Lawful to, and for the

the ſaid Judge or Judges to make Sale of the Fee and Inheritance thereof, by Conveyance under his or their Hands and Seals, to any Perſon or Perſons that will Purchaſe the ſame at ſuch Price, at which the ſame ſhall have been ſo as aforeſaid Eſtimated and Valued by the ſaid Jury, and the Monies thereupon to be received of the Purchaſers thereof, ſhall forthwith be paid into the Hands of the Church-wardens of the ſaid Pariſh for the time being, and from thence to be iſſued out, and Paid by the ſaid Church-wardens for the time being, unto ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall have any Eſtate or Intereſt in, to, or out of the ſame, according to his or their reſpective Eſtate or Eſtates, Title or Intereſt, which Sale ſo made and Enrolled in the Office of Enrolments of this Iſland, ſhall be Final and Concluſive to all other Perſons whatſoever, and ſhall Bar them, their Heirs and Aſſigns, to Claim any Eſtate, Right, Title, or Intereſt of, in, or out of the Grounds ſo Sold, Precedent to the ſaid Sale; and the Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof, his, and their Heirs and Aſſigns, ſhall, and may by virtue of this Act, have, hold, and enjoy the ſame againſt all Perſons Claiming any Eſtate, Right, Title, or Intereſt in, to, or out of the ſame, his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, freed and diſcharged of, and from Incumbrances in Eſtate, Title, Charge, or otherwiſe, Precedent to the ſaid Sale: Their Majeſties Quit-Rents only excepted.

Sale to be Enrolled.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, That the Receiver General, and Naval Officer of this Iſland, ſhall by themſelves, or lawful Deputy, keep their Offices on *Port Royal*, as at any time heretofore they have, or ought to have done: and that the Secretary of this Iſland, ſhall from time to time by his lawful Deputy keep his Office at *Port-Royal*, as at any time heretofore has, now doth,

Offices to be kept on Port-Royal.

doth, or ought to have done, under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds for every Month the Receiver General, Naval Officer, or Secretary of this Iſland, or any of them, ſhall neglect or refuſe to do the ſame.

Fines, &c. how diſpoſed.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That all, and every the Fines and Forfeitures in this Act mentioned and contained, ſhall be one half to Their Majeſties, Their Heirs and Succeſſors, for and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the contingent Charges thereof, and the other half to the Pariſh of *Port-Royal*, for, and towards the Wharfing, Repairing, and Maintaining the Wharfs ſo to be Made, Repaired, and Maintained, as in this Act mentioned, and to, and for no other Uſe, Intent, or Purpoſe whatſoever; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Iſland, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Eſſoin, Injunction, Protection, Wager of Law, or *Nonvult ulterius proſequi*, ſhall be allowed, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

An ACT

For Making and Clearing a Publick Road from St. Mary's *and St.* George's *into the Pariſh of St.* Andrew's.

WHEREAS by reaſon of the uncertainty of the Bounds of the Pariſhes of St. *Mary*'s, St. *George*'s, and St. *Andrew*'s, the Paths leading from St. *Mary*'s and St. *George*'s, have not yet been Laid out and Cleared, to the great Hindrance and Damage of the Inhabitants thereof; and it being requiſite, as well for Their Majeſties Service in Tranſporting ſpeedy Succours to each Place, as for the neceſſary uſe of Their Majeſties Liege People; that a Publick Road be laid out from the ſaid Pariſhes of St. *Mary*'s and St. *George*'s, into the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*'s: *Preamble.*

BE it therefore Enacted and Ordained by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly, And it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame: That the Path or Road, as it is now uſed, from the *Orange* River Plantation, in the Pariſh of St. *Mary*'s, over *Little Tom*'s River, and from thence over *Viney* Ridge, leaving the Plantation belonging to Colonel *Thomas Clarke* to the Eaſtward, unto the Plantation late of *Andrew Holloway*, deceaſed, at *Wagwater*, and ſo into the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*'s, be a Publick Road, or King's High-way, between the ſaid two Pariſhes of St. *Mary*'s and St. *Andrew*'s; and that the Path or Road from *Annotta* River Bay in the Pariſh of St. *George*'s, leading towards St. *Andrew*'s aforeſaid, ſhall by its neareſt and moſt *The Cauſe of the Road.*

convenient Courſe fall into the Path coming from the ſaid *Orange* River in St. *Mary*'s, upon a Ridge or Mountain, commonly called or known by the Name of *Mammee* Ridge, and from thence forward along the ſaid Path to *Little Tom*'s River, *&c.* And that the ſame be a Publick Road, or King's High-way, between the ſaid two Pariſhes of St. *George*'s and St. *Andrew*'s as aforeſaid.

Surveyors limited.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Surveyors of the High-ways for the Pariſh of St. *Mary*'s, do yearly, and as often as need ſhall require, clear and amend the ſaid Road, or High-way, from the *Orange* River aforeſaid, over the ſaid *Mammee* Ridge, unto the Ford at the Foot of the ſaid Hill at *Little Tom*'s River aforeſaid: and that the Pariſh of St. *George*'s alſo clear their Road or High-way from *Annotta* Bay as aforeſaid, unto the ſaid Place, as it ſhall fall into the Path on *Mammee* Ridge as aforeſaid, coming from the ſaid *Orange* River Plantation; and that the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*'s clear the ſaid Ford and Road, or King's High-way, leading from thence over *Viney* Ridge aforeſaid, leaving the Plantation of the ſaid Colonel *Thomas Clarke* to the Eaſtward as aforeſaid, unto the Plantation of the ſaid *Andrew Holloway* at *Wagwater*, and ſo forward into the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*'s.

Penalty on neglect of Duty.

AND it is hereby further Enacted, That the reſpective Surveyors of the High-ways, and Inhabitants of the Pariſhes of St. *Mary*'s, St. *George*'s, and St. *Andrew*'s, ſhall be ſeverally ſubject to the like Pains and Penalties, for their, or any of their neglect of their Duty therein, and be in the ſame way and manner Recovered, and in the like manner applied, as is provided for and appointed in the Act for the High-ways, for the neglect of their ſeveral Duties in the like kind.

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PROVIDED always, That if at any time hereafter it ſhall be found neceſſary that the ſaid Path or Paths, or any part of them ſhould be turned or altered: That it ſhall, and may be done in ſuch manner as in the ſaid Act for the High-ways is provided and appointed in the ſaid Act for turning, or altering Old-ways to more Conveniencies, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the Contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *Proviſo.*

An ACT

Appointing the Prices of Meats, and Regulating Markets.

FOR Prevention of the many Hardſhips and Abuſes that may be put upon the Inhabitants of this Iſland, by thoſe that Sell in Publick Markets the ſeveral ſorts of Meats hereafter mentioned, and demand Extravagant Prices for the ſame; *Preamble.*

BE it Enacted by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly of this Iſland, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, that no Perſon or Perſons upon any pretence whatſoever, Selling in any Publick Market within this Iſland, any of the ſeveral Kinds of Meat hereafter named, preſume to Ask, Demand, or Receive for Freſh Beef, or Goat, any more, higher, or greater Price, than Four Pence *per* Pound; Mutton Six Pence; Veal, the Breaſt and Loin Nine Pence, and any other part thereof Seven Pence Half-peny the Pound; Hog, that weigheth Twelve Pounds the Quarter, or under, Seven Pence Half-peny; and all weighing above, Six Pence the Pound; *Beef, Goat, Mutton, Veal, Hog.*

Lamb

Lamb or Kid, Seven Pence Half Peny the Pound: all which ſaid Meat ſhall be weighed without the Head, Entrails, or Feet, and no Suet to be ſold at higher Rates than the Meats aforeſaid.

Beef for Veal.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That any Meat brought into the Market, and offered after Cut up to be Sold for Veal, weighing above Twenty Five Pounds the Quarter, ſhall be adjudged Beef, and for Lamb weighing above Eight Pounds the Quarter, ſhall be deemed Mutton, and each Sold by the Quarter or Joint, at the reſpective Prices in this Act beforementioned.

Mutton for Lamb.

AND to prevent Selling and putting off Old and ſmall Mutton for Lamb, be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that all Lamb ſhall be brought into the open Market with the Heads on, and ſhewn before Cut up to the Clerk thereof with the uſual Signs and Marks of Diſtinction, that he upon Scruple may Determine the Matter between Buyer and Seller.

Tortle.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Common Seller, Butcher, Cutter up of Tortle, or any other Perſon whatſoever, Sell Tortle, or any of the Meats beforementioned by Retail, but in open Market, where they ſhall not refuſe to Sell the ſame to any Perſon, bringing Ready Mony, by the Quarter, Joint, or Piece by weight, not leſs than the Value of Seven Pence Half-peny at the Prices aforeſaid, without Conditionally impoſing upon the Buyer the Head, Feet, Inwards, or any part thereof, or Meat of any other Kind whatſoever; which Meat ſo Bought, and Paid for, ſhall immediately be, or cauſed to be removed out of the ſaid Market by the Perſon Buying the ſame.

AND to the end that it may be underſtood what within this Act ſhall be accounted the Publick and Open Market, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that the

the Place appointed by the Juſtices in Seſſions for the Selling there the ſeveral Sorts of Meat in this Act mentioned, ſhall be deemed the Publick Market-Place, and the Markets opening by the Ringing of the Bell by the Clerk thereof, or his order; which on *Saturdays* ſhall be at three of the Clock after noon, and on that, and all other days, *Sundays* excepted, at Five of the Clock in the Morning, and not ſooner; in which place, and after which time, the Market ſhall be adjudged Open and Publick, within this Act as aforeſaid. *Publick Market, Place and Time.*

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That from, and after the Tenth Day of *Auguſt*, of this preſent Year One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, that this Act, and every Clauſe thereof, is, and ſhall be of Force to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all, and every Perſon whatſoever, Seller, Buyer, or Officer, that ſhall Offend againſt any Particular in this Act mentioned, or contained, or any Branch thereof, he, ſhe, or they ſo Offending, ſhall Forfeit Forty Shillings for every ſuch Offence, one half to the Church-wardens of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence ſhall be Committed, for the Uſe of the ſaid Pariſh, the other half to the Clerk of the Market, Informer, or who ſhall Sue for the ſame, to be Recovered before any Juſtice of the Peace, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the Contrary notwithſtanding. *Forfeiture on Offending.*

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An ACT

For Reimburſing Their Majeſties Treaſury.

Preamble. WHEREAS Their Majeſties Revenue is conſiderably Anticipated, the Principal Branch of which is the Cuſtoms of Wines, and that great Quantities were loſt at *Port-Royal*, in the late dreadful Earthquake.

WE, therefore, your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Aſſembly of this your Iſland, do moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty that it may be Enacted, and be it Enacted by your Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, that from, and after the Seventeenth Day of this Inſtant *Auguſt*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, there ſhall be Raiſed, Levyed, and Paid unto your Majeſties for the Term, and time of Three Months, from, and after the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *Auguſt*, and no longer, as an Additional Duty and Impoſt upon *Madera* Wines Imported, over and above what is already payable for the ſame, *viz.* the Sum of Forty Shillings for every Tun.

Impoſt on Wines.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That for every Slave Exported by way of Merchandize, from, and after the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *Auguſt*, for the Term aforeſaid, and no longer, the Exporter or Owner ſhall pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings *per* Head, as an Impoſt to Their Majeſties, all which *Negroes* ſo Exported ſhall be Entred in the Receiver-Generals Office, and immediately Bond given by the Owner

Negroes.

Owner or Exporter to Their Majeſties, for the Payment of the Money into the Hand of the Receiver-General, or his Lawful Deputy, within One Month after the Entry ſo made as aforeſaid.

AND whoſoever ſhall preſume after the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *Auguſt*, to Export any Slave or Slaves, and not make ſuch Entry, and give Bond, and Pay as before in this Act is Directed, ſhall Forfeit for every ſuch Slave ſo Exported, the Summ of Fifty Pounds, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any Court of *Record* within this Iſland, One Half to Their Majeſties, for and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the Contingent Charges thereof; and the other Half to the Informer, or he or they that ſhall Sue for the ſame, wherein no Eſſoyn, Injunction, Protection, Wager of Law, or *Non vult ulterius proſequi* ſhall be allowed. *Forfeiture upon Non-Entry of Slaves.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Merchant, or other Perſon Importing any *Madera* Wines into this Iſland, from and after the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *Auguſt*, for and during the ſaid Term of Three Months, and no longer, do, and ſhall make Entry, make up Accounts, and give Bonds to Pay the ſaid Summs ariſing by Vertue of this Act, according to the Way and Method, and under the ſame Penalty for not doing the ſame, and to be Recovered in the ſame Manner as is Directed by an Act of this Iſland, Entitled, *An Act for Raiſing a Publick Revenue for the Support of the Government of this His* MAJESTY's *Iſland.* *Of Wines.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Money ariſing by Vertue of this Act, ſhall be to the Uſe of Their Majeſties for the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the Contingent Charges thereof, and towards the Repair-

ing the Losses the Revenue has sustained by the Wines and other Merchandises lost in the Earthquake.

An ACT

To Reimburse Their MAJESTIES Treasury, and Incourage Their Subjects to come and Settle in this Island.

Preamble. WHEREAS Their Majesties Revenue is considerably Anticipated, the Principal Branch of which, is the Customs of Wines, great Quantities whereof were lost at *Port-Royal*, in the late Dreadful Earthquake.

WE therefore Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Assembly of this Your Island of *Jamaica*, do most humbly beseech Your Majesties, That it may be Enacted, and be it Enacted by Your Majesties Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Assembly; and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, that from, and after the Seventeenth Day of *November*, in this present Year One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three, shall be Raised, Levied, and Paid unto Your Majesties, Your Heirs and Successors, for the Term and Time of Five Years, from the said Seventeenth Day of *November*, and no longer, as an Additional Duty and Impost, on the several Liquors hereafter mentioned, over and above what is already payable for the same, *viz.* for every Tun of *Spanish* and *Madera* Wine imported into this Island, the Summ of Forty Shillings; all Wines

Additional Duty on Wines.

of

of the Growth of the Weſtern Iſlands, or Mixture of *Madera* Wines, with thoſe of the Weſtern Iſlands, the Summ of Five Pound *per* Tun; for every Tun of *French* or *Rheniſh* Wines, Thirty Shillings; for every Tun of Beer or Syder, Four Shillings; for every Tun of Mumm or Metheglin, Twenty Shillings; for every Gallon of Brandy, Six Pence; for every Gallon of *Engliſh* Spirits, Three Pence, and ſo proportionably for a Greater or Leſſer Quantity. All which ſaid Liquors ſhall be duly Entred, and under the ſame Penalties and Regulations as in a former Act of this Country, Entitled, *An Act for Raiſing a Publick Revenue for the Support of the Government of this His Majeſty's Iſland.*

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That for every Slave exported from this Iſland by way of Merchandize, the Exporter or Owner ſhall Pay the Summ of Twenty Shillings, as an Impoſt to Their Majeſties, for and during the Term and Time of Five Years aforeſaid, excepting only ſuch Slaves, who by Miſdemeanor ſhall by the Judgment of Two Juſtices of the Peace and Three Freeholders, be ordered to be Tranſported off this Iſland, by the Maſter or Owner of ſuch Slave or Slaves. *On Slaves.*

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That out of the ſeveral Summ or Summs of Money ariſing by Virtue of this Act, and one other Act, Entitled, *An Act to Reimburſe Their Majeſties Treaſury*, made this preſent Seſſion; there ſhall be firſt Deducted and Paid unto Their Majeſties, to and for the Uſe of Their Majeſties, the Summ of One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings, as a Summ equivalent to Their Majeſties, for the Cuſtoms of Wines loſt in the Earthquake. *Deduction to Their Majeſties.*

Bond not produced.

AND be it further Enacted, That upon due Proof made in the Supreme Court of *Judicature*, an Action of Debt ſhall lie for Their Majeſties againſt any Perſon whatſoever, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Attorneys that ſtand Indebted to Their Majeſties for Cuſtoms, whether Bond be given or not, without being obliged to produce it; the giving of which ſhall not be pleaded in Bar, except by the Perſons named, and for the Summs in this Act mentioned. Provided alſo, that if the Bond for the ſaid Debt, ſuppoſed to be loſt, ſhall afterwards be found and put in Suit, that then the ſaid Judgment ſhall be, and be pleaded in Bar to the ſame, and that the ſaid Actions be brought within Two Courts after this Act becomes in Force.

Remainder after Deduction.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That after the Deduction and Payment of the ſaid Summ of One Thouſand Seven Hundred Seventy Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings unto Their Majeſties, the remainder of the Monies ariſing by Virtue of this Act, and the Act before-mentioned, ſhall be and remain as a Fund to Encourage ſuch of Their Majeſties Subjects, or others as are willing to Tranſport themſelves hither, and be applied to no other Uſe, Intent, or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Caſe of ſome Private Perſons.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That whereas *Benjamin Way*, *Joſeph Seargeant*, *William Hutchinſon*, *Francis Hall* and *Edmond Edlyn*, ſtand indebted to Their Majeſties in the ſeveral Summs following, *viz. Benjamin Way*, in the Summ of Nine Hundred Twenty One Pounds Twelve Shillings; *Joſeph Seargeant*, in the Summ of One Hundred Eighty Seven Pounds Four Shillings; *William Hutchinſon*, in the Summ of One Hundred and Four Pounds; *Francis Hall*, in the Summ of Four Hundred Pounds, and *Edmond Edlyn* in the Summ of One Hundred and Sixty Two Pounds, which ſaid Summs were due to Their Majeſties for the Cuſtoms of

of Wines which were loſt in the Earthquake: The ſaid *Benjamin Way*, *Joſeph Seargeant*, *William Hutchinſon*, *Francis Hall* and *Edmond Edlyn*, and every of them, their Heirs, Executors, and Adminiſtrators ſhall be, and are hereby for ever indemnified and ſaved Harmleſs againſt Their Majeſties, Their Heirs and Succeſſors, from Payment of the ſaid ſeveral Summs due from the ſaid ſeveral Perſons, or any Part thereof, as alſo from all manner of Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, againſt them, or any of them, their, or any of their Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns for the ſame, already commenced, or to be commenced; and if all, or any of the Perſons aforeſaid, be Sued or Impleaded, they may Plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act in Evidence; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Encouragement for Settlers.

AND to the end it may be underſtood what ſort of People are by this Act intended to be Encouraged, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Tradeſmen, and other Perſons of what Calling or Condition ſoever, not able to Pay their Paſſages, excepting *Jews*, Cripples and Children under Eleven Years of Age, who upon Encouragement of this Act, are willing to Tranſport themſelves to this Iſland, ſhall upon Repairing to any Maſter or Commander of any Ship or Veſſel Bound for this Iſland, be received on Board his Ship or Veſſel, and after his or their Arrival in this Iſland, be Free from all manner of Servitude whatſoever, and have Liberty to Hire, and Imploy him, her, or themſelves here, how they think fit, in any Honeſt Trade, Service or Calling; and the Captain, Maſter, or Commander of ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall receive of the Treaſurers named and appointed by this Act, for the Paſſage of every Perſon ſo Tranſporting him or themſelves from *England* or *Scotland*, the Summ of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, and for every Perſon from *Ireland*, the Summ of Six Pounds currant Money of this Iſland, without Fraud or Delay.

Paſſage paid, and Perſon free.

AND

Captains, &c. Encourag'd.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That for each Perſon ſo brought hither from *Europe*, the Captain, Maſter, or Commander of each Ship or Veſſel, ſhall for his Encouragement, and to his own Uſe receive of the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers, the Sum of Twenty Shillings *per* Head, over and above the ſaid Sums.

AND whereas ſeveral of their Majeſties Subjects under the qualifications aforeſaid, Reſiding at *New England*, *New York*, *Carolina*, or other Parts of *America*, the *Windward* Iſlands, and *Providence*, may upon the Encouragement of this Act be willing to Tranſport themſelves to this Iſland:

Perſons from other Plantations.

BE it therefore Enacted, that all Maſters or Commanders, of any Veſſel or Veſſels, that ſhall Import any ſuch Perſons before mentioned, ſhall for every Perſon ſo brought from *New England*, *New York*, *Carolina*, or other parts of *America*, receive the Sum of Three Pounds Ten Shillings; and for every Perſon brought from *Providence* and the *Windward* Iſlands, the Sum of Forty Shillings current Mony of this Iſland, without Fraud or Delay; and that the Maſter, or Commander of every Veſſel, who ſhall Import any Perſons by Encouragement of this Act from *New England*, *New York*, *Carolina*, or other parts of *America*, the *Windward* Iſlands and *Providence*, ſhall receive the Sum of Ten Shillings *per* Head, to, and for his Own proper Uſe and Benefit, over and above the Sums aforeſaid, for the Paſſage of each Perſon.

AND be it likewiſe Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Maſter or Maſters of any Veſſel or Veſſels, who ſhall Import any Paſſenger upon the Credit of this Act, ſhall within Forty Eight Hours after his, or their Arrival, Deliver to the Secretary of this Iſland, or his Lawful Deputy upon Oath, which ſaid Oath

Oath the Secretary is hereby Impowered to Adminiſter, a fair written Liſt of all ſuch Perſons as he, or they ſhall have brought to this Iſland: in which Liſt ſhall be contained the Names, Surnames, Age, Trade, and Country of all, and every the ſaid Perſon and Perſons, as alſo if Single or Married, which ſaid Liſt the Secretary, or his Lawful Deputy, is forthwith to enter in a Book to be kept for that purpoſe, and then to Tranſmit the ſame, with his Certificate Indorſed, to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, receiving for the ſame the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence from the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers, who are hereby Ordered and Required upon receipt thereof to pay the ſaid Maſter or Maſters, the ſeveral Sums for the reſpective Paſſages, as is above Directed.

A Liſt to be given.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That for the well, and truly Aſſeſſing, Collecting, Levying, and paying in all, and every the Sum and Sums of Mony ariſing by virtue of this Act, all Merchants, and others Importing any of the Wines and Liquors aforeſaid, do, and ſhall make Entry in the Office of the Receiver-General for the time being, after the ſame manner and methods as is preſcribed in an Act of this Country, Entitled, *An Act for Raiſing a Publick Revenue, for the Support of the Government of this His Majeſty's Iſland*: all which ſaid Entries of this Additional Duty, and Impoſt on *Negroes*, by virtue of this Act laid on, ſhall be kept in a Book apart, and diſtinct from the other Branches of Their Majeſties Revenue; and all Bonds for their Additional Impoſt ſhall be taken in Their Majeſties Names, and the Mony ariſing thereon, as it ſhall become Due, ſhall be paid into the Hands of the Receiver-General, and be by him Paid over to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, by virtue of this Act appointed, within Twenty Days after the Receipt thereof: For the taking the ſaid Bonds, and making the ſaid Entries, Receiving and Paying the ſaid Monies, the Receiver-General, or his Lawful Deputy, ſhall retain to himſelf

Entry to be made, and Bond given;

ſelf Two and a Half *per Cent.* and no more, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

Cuſtom under 5 l.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That for all ſuch quantities of any of the Liquors beforementioned, as the Cuſtoms Due for the ſame, ſhall amount to but Five Pounds or under, no Bonds ſhall be taken, or Credit given after the Entry thereof; but the Cuſtoms for the ſame ſhall be immediately Paid to the Receiver-General, or his lawful Deputy, and by him Paid over into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, as is before Directed.

Negro's Exported.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all *Negroes* to be Exported, ſhall be Entred in the Receiver-Generals Office, and immediately Bond given by the Owner or Exporter, to Their Majeſties, for the payment of the Mony into the Hands of the Receiver-General, or his lawful Deputy, within one Month after the Entry ſo made as aforeſaid, and whoſoever ſhall preſume after the ſaid Seventeenth Day of *November*, in this preſent Year, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, to Export any Slave or Slaves, and not make ſuch Entry, and give Bond, and Pay as before in this Act is Directed, ſhall Forfeit for every ſuch Slave ſo Exported, the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Money advanced.

AND foraſmuch as the preſent Neceſſity may require the Advancement of Mony upon the Credit of this Act, Be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that it ſhall, and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, to Advance and Lend unto Their Majeſties upon the Credit of this Act any Sum, or Sums of Mony, not exceeding One Thouſand Pounds in the whole, and to have, and receive for the Loan of the ſaid Mony ſo Lent and Advanced, after the rate of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings *per Cent. per Annum.*

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AND to the End that the ſaid Mony that ſhall be Lent unto Their Majeſties upon the Credit hereof, may be well and ſufficiently ſecured, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that all, and every Perſon and Perſons, who ſhall Advance and Lend unto Their Majeſties any Sum or Sums of Mony, not exceeding One Thouſand Pounds in the whole, as aforeſaid, upon the Credit of this Act, and actually Pay the ſame into the Hands of the Treaſurer, or Treaſurers for the time being, ſhall be by the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, upon the firſt Payment of Monies that ſhall be Paid into his, or their Hands by virtue of this Act, after Deduction, and Payment of the ſaid Sum of One Thouſand Seven Hundred Seventy Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings to Their Majeſties as aforeſaid, be forthwith Paid unto the Perſon or Perſons ſo lending the ſaid Sums, their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns ſucceſſively, as they ſhall become Due, with the Intereſt aforeſaid, for diſcharge of the Mony ſo Lent and Advanced, without Fee or Charge. *How to be repaid.*

AND be it further Enacted, That the Honourable *Samuel Bernard*, and *Nicholas Law*, Eſquires, and *James Bradſhaw*, *William Hutchinſon*, *Thomas Clarke*, *Modyford Freeman*, and *James Baniſter*, Eſquires, be, and are hereby Required and Impowered to nominate and appoint from time to time, ſuch fit Perſon or Perſons in *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland*, *New England*, *New York*, or any other Parts of *America*, or elſewhere, as they, or the Major part of them, ſhall think fit, to make known the purport of this Act as aforeſaid, for the giving Notice to ſuch Perſons as are willing to Tranſport themſelves hither upon the Encouragement thereof. *Managers appointed.*

AND in Caſe of the Death, Abſence, or Refuſal of any of the Perſons aforementioned, That then it ſhall, and may be lawful for the Perſons Remaining, or Surviving, or the Major part of them, to chooſe to themſelves

ſelves ſuch other Perſon or Perſons, as they ſhall think fit, to act in the room or ſtead of him, or them that ſhall Remove, Deceaſe, or Refuſe, and that the Perſon or Perſons ſo Choſen ſhall be, and are Impowered to act as fully, and freely, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if he, or they had been mentioned and appointed by Name in this Act: and the Perſons therein nominated and appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall from time to time continue to act, and do all, and every ſuch thing and things as by this Act they are Impowered and Required to perform.

In caſe of Death &c. how to be ſupplied.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Commiſſioners appointed by virtue of this Act, or the Major part of them, from time to time are hereby Required and Impowered as often as they ſhall think convenient, to chooſe one, or more of themſelves to Receive, and Pay the Mony ariſing by virtue of this Act, for the Uſes and Purpoſes herein mentioned; of the Receipt of all which the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the time being, ſhall keep an exact and diſtinct Accompt, as alſo of all Payments made for the Uſes and Purpoſes by this Act required, and render a Juſt and True Accompt thereof, when thereunto demanded, unto the reſt of the Perſons in this Act nominated and appointed, or the Major part of them, or unto the Aſſembly of this Iſland when Sitting and Aſſembled; and if the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being, after the Receipt of any of the ſaid Monies, ſhall divert or miſapply the ſame, or any part thereof by any pretence whatſoever, otherwiſe than before intended and directed, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act; the Perſon or Perſons ſo Offending ſhall Forfeit to Their Majeſties, for, and towards the Support, of the Government of this Iſland, and the contingent Charges thereof, double the Sum ſo diverted and miſapplied; and the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the time being ſhall be allowed Two and a Half *per Cent.* for defraying

Receivers how choſen.

Forfeiture for Miſapplication.

fraying his, or their Charges, in, or about the diſcharge of the Truſt hereby in him, or them repoſed.

AND whereas after the Expiration of this Act, ſome of the Monies ariſing by virtue hereof, may remain in the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the time being, Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that ſuch Sum or Sums of Mony, if any be, in the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers, ſhall, notwithſtanding the Expiration of this Act, be there, and ſtill in his or their Hands remain, and be Employed to the Uſes and Intents in this Act appointed. *Surplus of Money.*

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Secretary of this Iſland ſhall from time to time, upon demand, give Copy or Copies of this Act to any Perſon without delay or excuſe, for every of which he ſhall receive the Fee or Sum of Ten Shillings, and in Caſe he ſhall delay, or refuſe to give ſuch Copy or Copies as aforeſaid, to any Perſon or Perſons demanding the ſame, he ſhall for every Copy ſo demanded, and not given, Forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be recovered before any Juſtice of the Peace. *Copies of this Act to be deliver'd.*

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the Receiver-General, or his lawful Deputy, ſhall refuſe to make Entry, and do, and perform all, and every ſuch thing or things as by this Act, or any Branch thereof is enjoyned him; he ſhall Forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Currant Mony of this Iſland, and all other Perſon or Perſons Offending contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, ſhall Forfeit for every ſuch Offence, wherein Penalties are not already laid, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds: the Moiety of all the Forfeitures within this Act mentioned, ſhall be to Their Majeſties, their Heirs and Succeſſors, for, and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the contingent Charges thereof, and the other Moiety to the Informer, or *Forfeiture of the Receiver-General on Refuſal of Entry.*

he that ſhall Sue for the ſame, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any Court of Record, within this Iſland, where no Eſſoin, Protection, Wager of Law, or *Nonvult ulterius proſequi* ſhall be allowed, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

An ACT

For Raiſing Money to Solicit in England, *the Affairs of this Their Majeſties Iſland.*

Preamble. WHEREAS Their Majeſties Iſland of *Jamaica*, hath divers times lain under great Diſadvantages, through the Miſrepreſentation of the Proceedings and Intereſts thereof, which hath chiefly happened for want of ſome fit Perſons fully Inſtructed to appear in *England*, and there truly Repreſent and Solicit the ſame: And inaſmuch as Their Majeſties have been Graciouſly pleaſed to permit the raiſing Three Hundred Pounds Sterling, *per Annum*, to be Employed to the Uſe, and to prevent the Diſadvantage above expreſſed, and that by a modeſt Calculation of the ſaid Summ, it appears that Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds, currant Money of this Iſland of *Jamaica*, the Charges of Collecting, and Receivers Charges for the Receipt, and the Exchange in remitting the ſame being included, will not amount or produce more than the ſaid Summ of Three Hundred Pounds Sterling Money of *England*:

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THE Aſſembly do therefore moſt humbly beſeech Your moſt Excellent Majeſties, That it may be Enacted, and be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly; and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the ſame, That the ſaid Summ of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds, currant Money of this Iſland, for the making Good the ſaid Summ of Three Hundred Pounds Sterling Money of *England*, and defraying the Charges of collecting, receiving, and remitting the ſame, be raiſed, levied, and paid within Three Months after the Tenth Day of *Auguſt*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, and ſo the ſaid Summ to be raiſed, levied, and paid yearly, and every Year, for and during the full Time and Term of Eleven Years, to and for the Uſes above-mentioned, to be paid by the Inhabitants of the ſeveral Pariſhes within this Iſland, into the Hands of ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall from time to time be appointed by the Commiſſioners hereafter named, or the *major* Part of them, to be Receiver or Receivers of the ſame, according to the ſeveral Rates and Proportions hereafter following: That is to ſay, for the Pariſh and Town of *Port-Royal*, Forty Nine Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *Andrews*, Fifty Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *Katherines*, Fifty Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *Dorothy*, Twenty Five Pounds Three Shillings and One Peny; for the Pariſh of *Vere*, Forty Seven Pounds One Shilling and Eight Pence; for the Pariſh of *Clarendon*, Forty Two Pounds One Shilling and Eight Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *Elizabeth*, Fifty One Pound Six Shillings and Eight Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *Thomas*, to *Windward*, Twenty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings; for the Pariſh of St. *Davids*, Sixteen Pounds and Eleven Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *Thomas* in the Vale, Twenty One Pound Nine Shillings; for the Pariſh of St. *Johns*, Fifteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Three Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *George's*, Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence; for the Pariſh

Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds to be raiſed.

Time limited.

Rates of the ſeveral Pariſhes.

Pariſh of St. *Mary*'s, Eleven Pounds Five Shillings and Seven Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *Ann*'s, Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence; for the Pariſh of St. *James*, Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence; for the Town and Pariſh of *Kingſton*, Nineteen Pounds and Five Shillings.

Aſſeſſors. AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Juſtices and Veſtry-men for the time being, in their reſpective Pariſhes aforeſaid; and where no Veſtry is, the Juſtices by themſelves within the Limits of their ſeveral Commiſſions, are hereby Impowered and Required at the uſual times of Aſſeſſing their Pariſh-Tax, to Aſſeſs, Tax and Levy, for the ſaid Term of Eleven Years, the ſeveral Summs over and above the uſual Taxes aſſeſſed and raiſed on the ſeveral Pariſhes by Virtue of an Act of this Iſland, Entitled, *An Act for the Maintenance of Miniſters and the Poor, and Erecting and Repairing of Churches.*

Money to be advanc'd. AND whereas in ſome Pariſhes there may not be Money in the Church-Wardens Hands for the paying of the Tax above aſſeſſed for this preſent Year, it is therefore Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That then the Church-Wardens of ſuch Pariſh or Pariſhes, and where no Church-Wardens are, the Juſtices themſelves within the Limits of their Commiſſions, do Pay the ſaid Summ or Summs as is above Aſſeſſed for this preſent Year in ſuch manner as is hereafter Directed, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds each, for refuſing to Pay the ſame.

AND for the Reimburſing the ſaid Church-Wardens or Juſtices, who do by Virtue of this Act, Advance and Pay the ſaid Pariſh-Tax for this preſent Year, it ſhall and may be Lawful for the ſaid Juſtices and Veſtry, and where no Veſtry is, the Juſtices themſelves, within the Limits of their reſpective Commiſſions, are hereby Required and Impowered, That at the next uſual time

time of Aſſeſſing their Pariſh-Tax, that they Aſſeſs ſuch Summ or Summs of Money as ſhall have been Lent and Advanced by the Church-Wardens or Juſtices, as is above Required; which Money ſo Aſſeſſed and Levied, ſhall be by the Church-Wardens, and where no Church-Wardens are, by the Juſtices within the Limits of their reſpective Commiſſions, paid unto the Hands of the Perſons ſo Lending the Money for this preſent Year, with Lawful Intereſt for the ſame; which ſaid Summ, with the ſaid Intereſt, ſhall be Paid by the Church-Wardens or Juſtices, or where no Church-Wardens are, by the Juſtices within the Limits of their reſpective Commiſſions, on Demand, under Penalty of double the Summ ſo Lent, and Demanded as aforeſaid. *How to be reimburſed.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſeveral Summs yearly to be Collected as aforeſaid, ſhall for this preſent Year, and the Years enſuing, during the time mentioned in this Act, be Paid by the Church-Wardens or Juſtices of each reſpective Pariſh, within Twenty One Days after their Receipt thereof, into the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers, Impowered to Receive the ſame; and if any of the Juſtices, Church-Wardens, Veſtry-men, or Conſtables ſhall neglect his or their Duty in Aſſeſſing, Levying, or Paying the ſaid Summs which are above required to be Aſſeſſed, Levied and Paid, he or they ſo neglecting or failing of his or their Duty therein, ſhall reſpectively Forfeit for every ſuch Offence, the Summ of Fifty Pounds. *Time of Payment.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Money ſo Raiſed and Paid as aforeſaid, into the Hands of the ſaid Receiver or Receivers for the time being, ſhall by them be yearly remitted on the Countries Riſque, in ſuch manner as they ſhall think fit, into the Hands of *Gilbert Heathcote*, *Bartholomew Gracedieu*, and *John Tutt*, of *London* Merchants, or any One of them, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as ſhall *To whom remitted.*

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from time to time be appointed to Solicit in *England*, the Publick Affairs of this Iſland as Occaſion ſhall require, and as to them ſhall ſeem moſt to the Intereſt and Advantage thereof.

AND in Caſe of the Death, Abſence, or Refuſal of any of the Solicitors before-mentioned, or the Commiſſioners hereafter mentioned in this Act, that then the Perſons remaining, or ſurviving, or the *major* Part of them, do chuſe to themſelves ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall think fit, in the room or ſtead of him or them that ſhall Remove, Deceaſe, or Refuſe; and that the Perſon or Perſons ſo choſen, ſhall here and in *England*, each for themſelves, be Impowered to Act as fully to all Intents and Purpoſes in each Place, as if he or they had been mentioned and appointed by Name in this Act.

Commiſſioners and Receivers.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Honourable *Samuel Bernard*, and *Nicholas Law* Eſquires, and *James Bradſhaw*, *William Hutchinſon*, *Thomas Clarke*, *James Baniſter*, and *Modyford Freeman* Eſquires, ſhall be, and are hereby Impowered and Appointed to be Commiſſioners; and they, or the *major* Part of them, from time to time, to appoint one or more of themſelves to be Receiver or Receivers of the Money by this Act to be raiſed.

Inſtructions to be obſerved.

AND whereas at this preſent Seſſions there are General Inſtructions drawn up by the Council and Aſſembly, for Direction to the Solicitors in *England*, the Commiſſioners named in this Act, are at no time to Order any thing contrary to any Particulars contained therein, but fully to obſerve and be directed thereby, any thing in this Act ſeeming to the contrary notwithſtanding; which ſaid Inſtructions are to be Signed by the Clerk of the Council, and the Speaker of the Aſſembly, and be Entred in the Minutes of both Houſes.

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PROVIDED nevertheleſs, That the Commiſſioners before-mentioned, may from time to time upon any ſudden or emergent Occaſions, give to the Solicitors in *England* ſuch further Inſtructions as they ſhall think fit for the Publick Service of this Iſland. *Farther Inſtructions.*

AND in caſe it ſhall be thought fit at any time hereafter to turn out or alter any of the Solicitors in *England*, that then the ſaid Commiſſioners, or *major* Part of them, are hereby impowered from time to time to turn out, or alter as aforeſaid, all or any of the Solicitors in this Act mentioned. *Solicitors chang'd.*

AND be it further Enacted, That the Perſon or Perſons ſo named to be Receiver or Receivers ſhall receive and pay all ſuch Summ or Summs of Money as ſhall come to his or their Hands, ariſing by Virtue of this Act: Of all which the Receiver or Receivers for the time being, ſhall keep an Exact and Diſtinct Account of all Payments, and Remittances made for the Uſes and Purpoſes by this Act required, and render a Juſt and True Account thereof when demanded, unto the reſt of the Commiſſioners in this Act nominated, or the *major* Part of them, when thereunto required, or to the Aſſembly of this Iſland, when ſitting and aſſembled, of all the Summ and Summs of Money by him or them received, by Virtue of this Act, and how laid out or remitted; and if the ſaid Receiver or Receivers for the time being, after the Receipt of any of the ſaid Money, ſhall divert or miſapply the ſame, or any Part thereof, by any Pretence whatſoever, otherwiſe than before intended and directed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, the Perſon or Perſons ſo Offending, ſhall Forfeit to Their Majeſties, for and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the contingent Charges thereof, double the Summ ſo diverted or miſapplied; and the ſaid Receiver or Receivers for the time being, ſhall be allowed all his or their reaſonable Expences, *Account to be given.*

Expences allowed. in or about the Diſcharge of the Truſt hereby repoſed in him or them, Commiſſion or pretence of Commiſſion hereby excepted; and in caſe the Receiver or Receivers for the time being, ſhall Neglect or Refuſe to remit the aforeſaid Summ or Summs of Money when received yearly, and every Year during the continuance of the Act, to the Solicitors in *England*, ſhall Forfeit for every ſuch Offence, the Summ of Five Hundred Pounds.

Forfeitures applied. AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That one Half of the Forfeiture contained in this Act, and not herein applied, ſhall be to our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queen, Their Heirs and Succeſſors, for and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the contingent Charges thereof, the other Half to him or them that ſhall Sue for the ſame, which ſaid Forfeitures ſhall be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of Their Majeſties Courts of Record within this Iſland, wherein no Eſſoyn, Injunction, Protection, Wager of Law, or *Nonvult ulterius proſequi* ſhall be allowed; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

An ACT

For Guarding the Sea-Coaſts.

WHEREAS ſince this preſent War with the *French* King, Their Majeſties Subjects, Inhabiting the Sea-Coaſts of this Iſland, have been, and ſtill are frequently alarmed, and for their own Safety and Security of the Iſland in general, are obliged to keep conſtant Guards, and Look-outs, which by reaſon of the Scarcity of White Men, is found to fall very ſeverely upon the poorer ſort of People, to their great Diſencouragement, and even Chaſing them away from their Habitations and Settlements: *Preamble.*

WE therefore Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Aſſembly of this Your Majeſties Iſland; do humbly beſeech Your Majeſties, That it may be Enacted, and be it Enacted by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, That the Juſtices and Veſtry, or the *major* Part of them, or the Juſtices within the Commiſſions of the Peace, where they have no Veſtries, in all and every the Pariſhes of this Iſland adjacent to the Sea, and expoſed to the immediate Incurſions of an Enemy, ſhall, and are hereby Impowered, and Required to raiſe, or cauſe to be levied, ſuch Summ and Summs of Money, as to them by the Advice of the Chief Military Officer of that Place ſhall ſeem neceſſary for the Maintaining and Keeping Night-Watches, Guards, or Look-outs, in ſuch Place and Places as to them ſhall ſeem moſt proper and convenient for the Securing of the Inhabitants, and Diſcovering and Preventing the Approach of the Enemy; and all and every ſuch Summ or Summs of Money as ſhall be thought needful as aforeſaid, to pay the ſaid *Money how to be raiſed.*

Guards, Night-Watches, or Look-outs, ſhall be by them the ſaid Juſtices and Veſtry, and in caſe of no Veſtry, by the Juſtices within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſaid Pariſh, laid or aſſeſſed, levied or taxed upon the ſeveral Inhabitants, with and in ſuch method, manner, time and form, as the Pariſh-Taxes in their ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes are, or ought to be raiſed, levied and taxed; and the ſaid Summ or Summs of Money ſo raiſed or levied, ſhall be Collected with the Pariſh-Tax, that is, and ſhall be yearly raiſed by an Act of this Iſland, Entitled, *An Act for the Maintenance of Miniſters and the Poor, and Erecting and Repairing of Churches*, by the Conſtable or Conſtables of the ſeveral Pariſhes or Precincts, and by them forthwith paid into the Hands of the Church-Warden or Church-Wardens for the time being, who ſhall, and are hereby required to Iſſue forth and Pay the ſame to ſuch Perſon or Perſons employed in Guarding, Watching, or on Look-outs as aforeſaid, by Warrant from the Chief Officer of that Place: And that all and every Perſon or Perſons ſo employed and entruſted in Guarding, Watching, and for Look-outs that ſhall fail or neglect his or their Duty, according to the Charge and Truſt given them, ſhall be liable to ſuch Pains and Puniſhments, as if the Articles of War were now at ſuch time in Force in this Iſland to be inflicted on them for ſuch their Neglect.

Failure in Duty.

AND that for this preſent Year, the ſaid Juſtices within their ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, ſhall within Ten Days after the Fifteenth Day of *September*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, call and warn the Veſtry-men to appear at a certain Day, Time and Place, as to them ſhall ſeem convenient, who are hereby, then and there, Impowered to make, and lay ſuch Tax as to them, by the Advice of the Military Officer of that Place, ſhall be thought needful for the Maintaining and Keeping ſuch Guards, Watches and Look-outs, as ſhall be thought requiſite for the Security of the Inhabitants, and preventing Incurſions of the Enemy, and that in ſuch Pariſhes where there is no Veſtry,

Juſtices, &c. empower'd.

Veſtry, the Juſtices within the Commiſſion of the Peace, ſhall lay ſuch Tax as ſhall be thought requiſite, and cauſe the ſame to be levied and imployed as aforeſaid; and for the Receiving and Collecting of the ſaid Tax, the Conſtable ſhall retain to himſelf Twelve Pence in the Pound for the Levying and Collecting the ſame, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Pariſh of Vere *conſidered.*

AND whereas ſeveral of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Vere*, have for the general Good, and particularly for the Safeguard of their Pariſh, ſubſcribed to a Paper in the whole Summ of their Pariſh Tax, they were aſſeſs'd at the laſt Year, and paid the ſame by way of Loan unto Their Majeſties, for keeping ſuch Guards, and Night-Watches as aforeſaid, until they could be otherwiſe provided for by an Act of the Aſſembly; nevertheleſs, many of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh have neglected and refuſed to Pay the ſame;

BE it therefore Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Juſtices and Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh are hereby Required and Impowered at their firſt Meeting, in Order to the Maintaining Guards, and Look-outs, as aforeſaid, to Tax, Raiſe, and cauſe to be Levied ſuch Summ or Summs of Money as ſhall be made appear to them neceſſary to reimburſe ſuch Perſons as have paid and expended their Money for the Watches and Safeguard of the ſaid Pariſh, according to the Subſcriptions as aforeſaid, over and above what it ſhall be thought neceſſary by the Juſtices and Veſtry, with the Advice of the Chief Military Officer, to Raiſe and Aſſeſs on the ſeveral Inhabitants for Maintaining their Guards and Look-outs as aforeſaid; which ſaid Summ and Summs of Money ſo Levied as aforeſaid, ſhall be by the Church-Wardens forthwith paid unto ſuch Perſon or Perſons that have depoſited and disburs'd their Money for Guarding and Look-outs according to the Subſcriptions aforeſaid.

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AND whereas in ſome Pariſhes by reaſon of their long Tracts of Land on the Sea Coaſts, it will prove impoſſible to keep ſufficient Look-outs to give Warning of the Enemies approach, without the help of Beacons: Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Juſtices and Veſtry, or the Juſtices within the Commiſſion of the Peace where there is no Veſtry, ſhall Aſſeſs and Levy at the uſual time and times in manner aforeſaid, ſuch Summ and Summs of Money to erect and keep ſuch and ſo many Beacons, and in ſuch convenient Place and Places, as a Regimental Court-Martial ſhall think fit.

Beacons to be erected.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, Church-Warden or Church-Wardens that ſhall neglect or fail in the Execution of his or their Duty as aforeſaid, ſhall Forfeit the Summ of Five Pounds, for ſuch his Neglect or Default, and for every Veſtry-man or Conſtable, the Summ of Forty Shillings, to be recovered by Action of Debt, if not aboye Forty Shillings, before any Juſtice of the Peace, and if above Forty Shillings, in any Court of Record within this Iſland, wherein no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law ſhall be allowed, the one Half of which Forfeiture as aforeſaid, ſhall be for and towards the maintaining Guards and Look-outs, within the Pariſh where the Fault was committed, and the other Half to the Informer, or him that ſhall Sue for the ſame; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding. Provided always, that this Act, and all and every thing and things therein contained, ſhall be and continue in Force during the War with *France*, and no longer.

Forfeiture upon Default.

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An ACT

For Raiſing Money as a farther Aid to Their MAJESTIES, for and towards the Defence of this Their Iſland of Jamaica.

WHEREAS the Proviſion heretofore made for the Security and Defence of this Their Majeſties Iſland, hath been found Inſufficient, and the *French* continue ſtill to make daily Depredations and Deſcents upon the Parts adjacent to the Sea, and take off, and carry away great Numbers of Slaves, and other Goods of conſiderable Value, to the Ruin of ſeveral of Their Majeſties good Subjects, and Impoveriſhing the whole Iſland; for prevention of which, and diſabling the Enemy, a greater Force is abſolutely neceſſary; *Preamble.*

WE therefore Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Aſſembly of this Their Iſland of *Jamaica*, having taken into our ſerious Conſideration, how injurious the Ruin and Deſtruction of this their Plantation, may in time prove to Their Imperial Crown, and being ready and willing to provide further Aid for Their Majeſties Iſland aforeſaid, and Reſiſtance of Their Enemy; have unanimouſly given and granted, and do hereby give and grant unto Their Majeſties, for and towards the continuance of the Two Sloops of War, already in Their Majeſties Service, with an Addition of Twenty Men more to each Sloop, and alſo towards the Buying, or Hiring, Providing, Victualling, or Manning of Two more

more Sloops of War, each conſiſting of Sixty effective Officers, Seamen, and Soldiers incluſively, all which ſaid Four Sloops of War to be employed for Six Months towards the Defence of this Iſland, and guarding the Sea-Coaſts thereof, and in Cruiſing with Their Majeſties Frigats, or ſuch other Veſſel or Veſſels as ſhall be Impreſſed into their Service about the ſame, and Attacking, and Deſtroying the Enemy, and alſo for continuing of Two Parties for the like time of Six Months, conſiſting each of Two Officers, and Ten Soldiers, for Reducing of Rebellious *Negroes*, the full entire Sum of Seven Thouſand Five Hundred Pound, currant Mony of this Iſland; and alſo the Sum of One Thouſand Nine Hundred Seventy Three Pound Fourteen Shillings and Four Pence, formerly Raiſed, and not yet applyed, by an Act made this laſt Seſſion of this preſent Aſſembly, Entitled, *An Act for Raiſing Money, for, and towards the Defence of this Iſland*: The whole amounting to Nine Thouſand Four Hundred Seventy Three Pound Fourteen Shillings and Four Pence, and do moſt humbly beſeech Their Majeſties to accept the ſame, and that it may be Enacted:

Force to be augmented.

AND be it therefore Enacted by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly of this Iſland, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, that the ſaid Sum of Seven Thouſand Five Hundred Pound currant Money of this Iſland, be Aſſeſſed, Taxed, and laid on by the ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes, or Precincts, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, within this Iſland where they have any lawful Veſtries, and where they have no lawful Veſtries by the Juſtices of that Pariſh or Precinct, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, or major part of the Veſtry, in all, and every the ſaid Pariſh or Pariſhes in this Iſland, on all, and every Perſon within their ſeveral and reſpective Pariſh or Precinct, by an equal and juſt Tax, to be paid within Three Months after the Tenth Day of *November*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three,

Sum to be raiſed.

Three, by the reſpective Pariſhes of this Their Majeſties Iſland of *Jamaica*, into the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers hereafter named, according to the ſeveral Rates, and Proportions hereafter mentioned, in ſuch ſort and manner as by this preſent Act ſhall be limited and appointed, and in no other way or manner whatſoever, that is to ſay: for every *Negroe*, *Mulatto*, or *Indian* Slave within this Iſland, of what Age, Condition, or Quality ſoever, or to whom ſoever belonging, ſhall be paid for by their Maſters, Proprietors, Owners, Poſſeſſors, Guardians, or Perſons Intruſted in the ſeveral Plantations, Pens, Crawles or Settlements within this Iſland, the Sum of Two Shillings for each *Negro*, *Indian*, or *Mulatto* Slave as aforeſaid, and alſo for all Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, and Neat Cattle, the Sum of Nine Pence for each Beaſt, and for all Sheep, Lambs, Goats, and Kids, the Sum of Two Shillings Six Pence *per* Score, and ſo in proportion for a greater or leſſer Quantity. *Slaves and Cattel tax'd.*

AND for the Pariſh of *Port-Royal*, it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Juſtices and Veſtry ſhall Lay, Aſſeſs, Levy, and cauſe to be Levyed Sixteen Pence in the Pound on all Rents, to be paid by all Tenants, and allowed by their Landlords, and Proprietors, and on all Leaſes, to be paid by the Leſſee, and allowed by the Leſſor out of their Rents, and alſo on the ſeveral Inhabitants for their ſeveral Trades, Occupations, and Callings as much, and one third more in proportion, than they were Rated, Aſſeſſed, and Taxed by the Juſtices and Veſtry, in the Pariſh-Roll, on *Port-Royal* aforeſaid, for this preſent Year One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, and alſo on all Perſons Reſiding at the Towns of St. *Jago de la Vega*, Sixteen Pence in the Pound on all Rents to be Paid by all Tenants, and allowed by their Landlords and Proprietors, and on all Leaſes to be Paid by the Leſſee, and allowed by the Leſſor, out of all their Rents, and alſo according to the Rate, Tax, and Sum Aſſeſſed by the Juſtices and Veſtry of St. *Katharines* for this preſent Year One *Rents and Trades.*

Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, and for the Perſons Reſiding in the Town and Pariſh of *Kingſton*, Sixteen Pence in the Pound on all Rents, to be Paid by all Tenants, and allowed by their Landlords and Proprietors, and on all Leaſes, to be paid by the Leſſee, and allowed by the Leſſor out of their Rents, and for their ſeveral Trades, Occupations, and Callings, to be Rated, Aſſeſſed, and Taxed by the Juſtices of the ſaid Town and Pariſh, any thing in this Act to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

The Jews *rated.*

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Nation and People of the *Jews*, Reſiding within this Iſland, Pay, or Cauſe to be Paid towards the Raiſing of the ſaid Sum of Mony beforementioned and expreſſed, to be Raiſed on the Inhabitants of this Iſland, over and above, and beſides the Tax as aforeſaid Aſſeſſed, the full Sum of One Thouſand Pound currant Mony of this Iſland, to be rated Aſſeſſed, Taxed, Collected, and Paid in by *Solomon Ararii*, *Jacob de Leon*, *Moſes Toiro*, *Jacob Mendez Guteres*, *Jacob Henriques*, *Jacob Rodrigues de Leon*, *Moſes Jeſurum Cordoſo*, *Samuel Gabay*, *Jacob Lopes Torres*, *Iſaac Cotileo*, *Iſaac Nunes Gonſales* and *Abraham Nunes*, or any Five of them, into the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers hereafter mentioned, Impowered and Appointed to Receive the ſame, at, or within One Month after the Tenth Day of *December*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, any thing herein contained to the Contrary notwithſtanding: and in Caſe of Failure and Non-payment,

Caſe of Failure.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pound more, beſides the ſaid Sum of One Thouſand Pound above appointed, be Aſſeſſed on the Nation and People of the *Jews* aforeſaid, and that then it ſhall, and may be lawful for the Treaſurer or Treaſurers hereafter appointed by Warrant of Diſtreſs under his, or their Hands and Seals directed to the Conſtable or Conſtables for the reſpective

ctive Pariſhes where ſuch *Jew* or *Jews* Reſide, to Levy, or ſingly cauſe to be Levied at Diſcretion upon the ſeveral *Jews* Inhabitants of this Iſland, ſuch proportionable Sum or Sums as ſhall make up the Sum of One Thouſand Two Hundred Fifty Pound, as aforeſaid, and alſo if any of the *Jews* Rated, or Aſſeſſed by the Perſons abovenamed, ſhall refuſe to Pay the ſaid Sum by them ſo Aſſeſſed: that then it ſhall, and may be lawful for the reſpective Juſtices in the reſpective Pariſhes where the ſaid *Jews* Reſide, for ſo much as any of the ſaid *Jews* are Aſſeſſed, and Rated by the Perſons aboveſaid, who are hereby Impowered to Iſſue out their Warrant or Warrants to the reſpective Conſtables to Diſtrain any of the Goods and Chattels of any of the ſaid *Jews* that ſhall refuſe, or delay to Pay the ſame, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

AND be it further Enacted, That if the ſeveral Perſons, or any of them of the *Jewiſh* Nation aforementioned, Impowred and Appointed to Aſſeſs, Levy, Collect, and Pay in the aforeſaid Sum Aſſeſſed upon the Nation of the *Jews*, ſhall neglect his, or their Duty therein, that then it ſhall, and may be lawful for the Governour or Commander in Chief, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal directed to the Provoſt-Marſhal, or his lawful Deputy to Levy, or Cauſe to be Levyed, on all, and every Perſon, and Perſons ſo Offending One Hundred and Fifty Pound currant Money of this Iſland, or the value thereof, upon his, or their Monies, Slaves, Goods, or Chattels, and ſell the ſame by publick Outcry, returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner; and in Caſe no Monies, Slaves, or Goods are to be found as aforeſaid, that then he take into Cuſtody the Body of the Perſon or Perſons ſo Offending, and him, or them in ſafe Cuſtody keep, until he, or they Pay the ſaid Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pound for the ſaid Offence, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, or any thing in this Act ſeeming to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

Neglect of Jewiſh Aſſeſſors.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That the reſpective Juſtices of the reſpective Pariſhes, or Precincts, or within the Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſame, or any Two of them Deliver into the Hands of their reſpective Conſtables within their reſpective Pariſhes and Precincts, a Roll of ſuch Tax, or Aſſeſſment as aforeſaid, ſo that the Collection be made within Three Months after the Tenth Day of *November*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Three, with a Warrant under the ſame, Signed and Sealed by the ſaid Juſtices, or any two of them, Impowring and Requiring the ſaid Conſtables to Levy the ſaid Tax or Aſſeſſment; and Pay the ſame into the Hands of the Church-Wardens for the time being in the Pariſh where the ſame is Taxed or Aſſeſſed as aforeſaid: and where it ſhall happen there are no Church-Wardens, that then the Conſtables are hereby required to Pay the ſame into the Hands of the Juſtices of the ſaid Pariſh, Deducting Four Pence in the Pound for Collecting the ſame in all the Pariſhes of this Iſland, (*Port-Royal* and *Kingſton*, only excepted) where it ſhall be done Gratis; who are hereby required to Receive, and Pay the ſame into the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers hereafter named, within one Month after the Collecting thereof: and leſt any Perſon or Perſons, ſo as aforeſaid Taxed or Aſſeſſed, ſhall refuſe, or delay to Pay his, her, or their Tax, or Aſſeſſment, the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two of them, are hereby required in the Warrant aforeſaid, to Impower and Command the Conſtable as aforeſaid, by virtue thereof to Diſtrain the Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, or any other Perſonal Eſtate whatſoever, of him, her, or them, ſo refuſing or delaying, and Sell the ſame forthwith at Publick Outcry, retaining to themſelves Twelve Pence in the Pound for every ſuch Diſtreſs on Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, or any other Perſonal Eſtate whatſoever Diſtrained on, or Sold as aforeſaid,

Time of Collection.

Diſtreſs upon Non-payment.

foreſaid, returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That for the better Aſſeſſing, Collecting, Levying, and Paying in the Sums of Money ſo as aforeſaid limited and appointed to be Raiſed, and Paid as aforeſaid, and for the more effectual putting this Act in Execution, the Juſtices and Veſtries within their ſeveral Pariſhes and Precincts, are hereby required and impowered, immediately on Paſſing this Act, with all poſſible ſpeed to proceed to the Diſcharge of their ſaid Duties, in manner and form as is before Directed and Appointed.

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the Governour or Commander in Chief for the time being, ſhall before the Levying and Paying the Tax and Aſſeſſment by virtue of this Act laid on, and Aſſeſſed, put Martial-Law in force in this Iſland, and for that Reaſon if any Perſon refuſe to Pay his, her, or their Tax as aforeſaid, all, and every Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing, ſhall after the expiration of the Law-Martial, Pay double the Sum ſo laid on, and Aſſeſſed, to be Recovered by Warrant from any of Their Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Precinct, directed to any Conſtable to Levy the ſame upon the Monies, Goods, or Chattels of the Perſon or Perſons ſo Offending, and the ſaid Goods, or Chattels ſo Diſtrained, to Sell at publick Outcry, returning the Overplus, if any be, to the Owner, retaining to himſelf Twelve Pence in the Pound for every ſuch Diſtreſs: all which ſaid Forfeitures of the Perſons ſo Offending ſhall be Paid as the other Monies by this Act ariſing, into the Hands of the Receivers in this Act nominated and appointed, and Employed to the ſame Uſes, Intents and Purpoſes, as the Monies already by this Act Raiſed and Appropriated, and to no other Uſe, Intent, and Purpoſe whatſoever,

Caſe of Law-Martial.

ſoever; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage, or any Thing in this Act to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the Juſtices, Veſtry-men, Conſtables, or Church-Wardens, or any of them, ſhall neglect, or wilfully fail in his or their Duty, in Aſſeſſing, Collecting, or Paying the ſame as aforeſaid, that then, and in ſuch caſe, every Juſtice ſo neglecting, or wilfully failing in his or their Duty in this Act preſcribed, contrary to the true intent and meaning thereof, ſhall Forfeit Fifty Pounds for every ſuch Offence; and all and every Veſtry-man, Church-Warden or Conſtable, the Summ of Twenty Pounds for every ſuch Offence as aforeſaid.

Neglect of Aſſeſſors.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Owners of Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattel, Sheep, Goats, Lambs, and Kids whatſoever, as aforeſaid, ſhall, and are hereby by themſelves, Guardians, Overſeers, Truſtees, or Pen-keepers within the ſeveral Pariſhes aforeſaid, required and obliged to give a True and Juſt Account, on Oath, to the beſt of their Knowledge, at ſuch time or times as the Juſtices in each Pariſh or Precinct ſhall Direct, of all Slaves, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattel, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, and Rents whatſoever as aforeſaid, belonging to ſuch Owner, Guardian, Overſeer, Truſtees, or Pen-keepers within their reſpective Pariſh, or Precinct aforeſaid, to the Juſtices of the Peace, or any of them, in the ſaid Pariſhes or Precincts, who are hereby required and impowered to Adminiſter the ſame, and to ask all further Queſtions, as to them, or any of them ſhall ſeem meet and neceſſary, relating to this preſent Act; the Tenour of which Oaths ſhall be as followeth.

Account on Oath.

I A. B.

I A. B. *do Swear, that I have within the Pariſh of* C-------- *Slaves Young and Old, alſo* ---------- *Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattel, Sheep, Goats, Lambs, Kids, and no more,*

So help me God.

And if it be to an Overſeer,

I D. E. *Overſeer of the Plantation of* G. H. *do Swear, that the ſaid* G. H. *hath within the Pariſh of* I-------- *Slaves Young and Old, and alſo* --------- *Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattel, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids,* &c. *and no more, to the beſt of my Knowledge.*

And ſo to Pen-keepers, or any other Perſons, for Cattel, Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattel, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, and Rents whatſoever, *mutatis mutandis.* And if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, ſhall refuſe either by themſelves, Overſeers, or Pen-keepers, to give an Account upon Oath as aforeſaid, of their Horſes, Mares, Colts, Mules, Aſſes, Neat Cattel, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Kids, or Rents in manner aforeſaid, that then it ſhall be lawful for the Juſtices and Veſtry, or the Juſtices where there is no Veſtry, to Tax the Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing, according to their Diſcretion. *Caſe of Refuſal.*

AND foraſmuch as the preſent Neceſſity will require the Advancement of Money, for and towards the Buying, or Hiring, and Equipping the ſaid Two Sloops and Men, and Victualling thoſe Two already in, and ſuch

ſuch other Veſſel or Veſſels as ſhall be Impreſſed into the Service:

Money advanc'd.

BE it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to, and for any Perſon or Perſons to Advance and Lend to Their Majeſties, for and towards the furtherance of this preſent Occaſion, ſuch Summ or Summs of Money as may be needful; and that whoſoever ſhall Advance and Lend any ſuch Summ or Summs of Money upon the Security of this Act, ſhall receive for the Loan of the Summ they ſhall ſo Lend, after the Rate of Twelve Pound and a Half *per Cent. per Annum*, for the time he or they ſhall be indisburſt of the ſaid Money, on the Credit of this Act as aforeſaid; any thing before-mentioned to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Security for the ſame.

AND to the End that all Monies that ſhall be Lent unto Their Majeſties, upon the Credit hereof may be well and ſufficiently ſecured; Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Perſon and Perſons, who ſhall Advance and Lend any Summ or Summs of Money to Their Majeſties on the Credit of this Act, and actually Pay the ſame into the Hands of the Receiver or Receivers herein after named and appointed, ſhall by the Receiver or Receivers on the firſt Payment of Money that ſhall be paid into the Receivers Hands, by Virtue of this Act, be forthwith paid unto the Perſon or Perſons, their Executors, or Adminiſtrators ſo Lending the ſaid Summ advanced, with the Intereſt of the ſame, for the Diſcharge of the Money ſo lent and advanced; and that all and every other Summ and Summs of Money that ſhall be laid out, or paid by the Receiver or Receivers, for, and towards the Buying, Equipping, Victualling, and Fitting to Sea; as alſo for Paying the Officers and Sea-men on Board the ſaid Four Sloops, and Victualling ſuch other Veſſel or Veſſels as ſhall be Impreſſed; as alſo for Paying the Officers and Soldiers of the Two Parties before-mentioned, for reducing the Rebellious *Negroes*, ſhall, as they

they become Due, be paid by the Receiver or Receivers that are hereafter mentioned and appointed, without Fee or Charge.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Honourable Colonel *Charles Knights*, one of Their Majeſties Council of this Iſland, and alſo Colonel *Thomas Clarke*, Captain *Lancelot Talbot*, Captain *Robert Wardlow*, *William Hutchinſon* Eſq;, Captain *Joſiah Heathcote*, and Captain *Thomas Clarke*, be, and are hereby Required, Impowered, and Warranted to be Receiver or Receivers of all and ſingular the ſeveral Summs aforeſaid, mentioned and intended to be raiſed on the ſeveral Pariſhes or People aforeſaid, and ſhall, and may lawfully by Advice and Conſent of the Lieutenant-Governour, or Commander in Chief, forthwith Buy or Hire Two more Good and Subſtantial Sloops fit for War, and Provide, Equip, Fit ready for the Sea, and Victual the ſame for Sixty effective Officers, Sea-men and Soldiers, incluſively, for each Sloop, for the ſaid Six Months, or for ſuch ſhorter time as to them ſhall appear moſt Convenient; and that the ſaid Two Sloops being thus Fitted and Victualled, it is hereby Requeſted, That the Right Honourable Sir *William Beeſton*, Knight, Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour aforeſaid, by Commiſſion under his Hand and Seal, do Conſtitute, and Appoint on Board of each of the ſaid Sloops, ſuch Diſcreet and Able Captains for this preſent Service, as his Honour ſhall in his Prudence think Fit, and can Confide in; and that each of the ſaid Captains receive for their Pay, after the Rate of Six Pounds *per* Month, and likewiſe appoint by his Warrant for each Sloop, one Maſter, at Four Pounds *per* Month, one Boatſwain, one Gunner, at Three Pounds *per* Month each, and one Chirurgeon, and one Carpenter, at Four Pounds *per* Month each, Two Quarter-Maſters at Fifty Shillings *per* Month each, on Board each Sloop, and command and require them in Their Majeſties Name, to Raiſe and Enliſt on Board the ſaid Two Sloops, by Impreſſing or otherwiſe, to make and fit up

Names of the Receivers.

Captain to be Commiſſion'd.

Payments ſettled.

the full Number of Sixty Effective Officers, Sea-men, and Soldiers in each Sloop, who ſhall alſo receive after the Rate of Forty Shillings each Man *per* Month, and that their Monthly Pay ariſing for this preſent Service, ſhall be paid out of the Money raiſed by this preſent Act, Commanding and Requiring the reſpective Captains of each Sloop aforeſaid, by his Commiſſion and Inſtructions therewith to be given, that they take Care from time to time, to their utmoſt Ability, to Guard and Defend the Coaſts of this Iſland, by conſtant Cruiſing, and looking out both Windward and Leeward, North and South ſide of this Iſland, as his Honour ſhall in his great Wiſdom from time to time Direct and Command.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That for the more ſpeedy Supplying with Neceſſaries, Victualling, Fitting out, and Diſpatching to Sea the Veſſels of War aforeſaid, the Commiſſioners in this Act nominated and appointed, are hereby Impowered to Employ Captain *William Dodington*, or any other fit Perſon, in caſe of his Death, Removal, or Misbehaviour, to buy and provide Victuals, Arms and Ammunition, and all other Neceſſaries whatſoever, convenient for the ſaid Veſſels, and draw Bills upon the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Value; for which Service they ſhall allow and pay unto the ſaid *William Dodington*, or other Perſon ſo Employed, after the Rate of Five Pound for every Hundred Pounds worth of Proviſions, Arms, Ammunition, or other Things needful by the ſaid Perſon ſo bought.

Commiſſary appointed.

BE it alſo Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That Colonel *Charles Knights*, and *Joſiah Heathcote* Eſquires, be, and are hereby appointed, impowered, and warranted to be Treaſurers to Receive and Pay all ſuch Summ and Summs of Money as ſhall from time to time come to their Hands, for the more eaſie and ready Diſpatch of ſuch Perſons as they may have occaſion to Deal with; or Pay all ſuch Wages unto the Officers, Seamen and Soldiers,

Treaſurers.

Soldiers, as the Occaſion and Intent of this Act may require; and as ſoon as the Receiver or Receivers before appointed and impowered, have Bought, Hired, and Equipped the ſaid Sloops, and Victualled them with ſufficient Victuals for their reſpective Complements of Men aforeſaid, for the time they ſhall find convenient, that the ſaid Sloops be forthwith diſpatch'd out to Sea, by the Command and Direction of the Lieutenant-Governour or Commander in Chief, to Cruiſe about the Coaſts of this Iſland as aforeſaid: and that the Receiver or Receivers keep a diſtinct Account of the Money raiſed and appropriated by this preſent Act, and for all Payments made for the Uſes and Purpoſes in this Act required, and render a Juſt and True Account thereof, when demanded, unto Their Majeſties Lieutenant Governour, or Commander in Chief, and Council, of all ſuch Summ and Summs of Money, by them, and every of them, received by Virtue of this preſent Act, and how laid out, and for what, and to whom, and for what Uſes; and ſhall in like manner give an Account to the Aſſembly of this Iſland when ſitting and aſſembled, when thereunto required, of ſo much of the ſaid Money, as ſhall be by them, and every of them reſpectively received, and to whom the ſame are iſſued and paid by them reſpectively, and to what Uſes; and if the ſaid Receiver or Receivers, or any of them, after the Receipt of any the ſaid Money, ſhall divert or miſapply the ſame, or any Part thereof, by any Pretence whatſoever, otherwiſe than before intended and directed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, he or they ſo Offending, ſhall Forfeit to Their Majeſties, for, and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and contingent Charges thereof, double the Summ ſo diverted or miſapplied.

Account to be given.

AND for the better Order and Government of the ſaid Sloops, or other Veſſel or Veſſels of War, wherein the Honour of Their Majeſties, and Intereſt of this Iſland are ſo much concerned; Be it further Enacted by the

Articles and Orders.

Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Articles and Orders mentioned in a certain Act of Parliament made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *Charles* the Second of Bleſſed Memory, for the Eſtabliſhing Articles and Orders for the Regulating, and better Governing of his Majeſty's Navy, and Ships of War, and Forces by Sea, ſhall be duly and reſpectively put in Execution, obſerved and obeyed on Board the ſaid Sloops and other Veſſels of War, and are hereby declared to be the Laws of this Iſland, againſt all ſuch Perſon or Perſons on Board the ſaid Sloops or Veſſels as ſhall offend therein; and for further Encouragement of the Officers, Sea-men, and Soldiers on Board the ſaid Sloops or Veſſels, all Ships, Sloops, or Veſſels by them taken from the Enemy, and belonging to this Iſland, are likewiſe hereby given them for the ſaid Encouragement: Provided always that all Slaves, Veſſels, or Goods belonging to Their Majeſties Subjects of this Iſland, which the ſaid Sloops or Veſſels of War ſhall happen to re-take before they ſhall have arrived at the Enemies Ports, during the time that they or any of them are Employed in this preſent Service on the Countries Charge as aforeſaid, ſhall be returned to the reſpective Owners or Proprietors, their Agents or Attornies; any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Pay for the Soldiers.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Parties hereby raiſed, or to be raiſed for the ſubduing the Rebellious *Negroes* aforeſaid, in caſe of Miſdemeanor, or neglect of their Duty in that behalf, ſhall be liable to the Pains and Puniſhments preſcribed in the Articles of War, as when Martial-Law is in Force in this Iſland, and that the Captains of each Party receive for his Service, in this Act intended and appointed, the Summ of Four Pounds *per* Month, and that each Serjeant receive alſo Fifty Shillings *per* Month, and each Soldier, Forty Shillongs *per* Month, to be paid by the Receiver or Receivers, without any Fee or Charge to either Officer or Soldier.

AND

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That for the better Encouraging the Perſons Employed on Board the ſaid Sloops or other Veſſels for the Service of Their Majeſties and this Iſland, that they ſhall receive as Salvage for all Veſſels, Slaves, and other Goods taken of this Iſland, and by them re-taken before they are Landed in any of the Enemies Commiſſion-Ports, one ſixth Part of the Veſſels, Slaves, or Goods ſo re-taken, or the Value thereof, the ſaid Veſſel, Slave, or Goods having been firſt appraiſed by Two Perſons indifferently Choſen, one by the Commander or Commanders of the ſaid Sloops or Veſſels, and the other by the reſpective Owner or Owners; which ſhall be divided among the Officers, Sea-men, and Soldiers of the ſaid Veſſels, proportionably to the Pay each Perſon receives of his Country for that Service. *Salvage allowed.*

AND that all ſuch Perſons as ſhall go out in the Parties to reduce the *Negroes* in Rebellion, may be induced to proceed with the more Reſolution and Vigor; It is hereby Enacted, that they ſhall receive from the Treaſurers, for each *Negro* kill'd that was actually in Rebellion, which ſhall be evidenced by bringing in his Head to any Juſtice, the Summ of Forty Shillings; and for each *Negroe* in Rebellion taken, and brought in alive, not maimed or mortally wounded, the Summ of Ten Pounds, to be paid by the Owner or Proprietor of ſuch Slave or Slaves, who is hereby obliged under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds, to Tranſport the Slave or Slaves ſo reduced from actual Rebellion; and in caſe that no Owner can be found, that then the Treaſurer or Treaſurers by this Act appointed, or either of them, ſhall be by Virtue of this Act, obliged and impowered to Pay the ſaid Ten Ponnd out of the Treaſury, and receive the ſaid Slave or Slaves, and him, and them, Sell and Tranſport as aforeſaid, and the Produce retain in his Hands, to be Employed in the ſaid Service, and for defraying the contingent Charges thereof; and to the end it may be better *Rewards for Negroes ſlain or taken.*

better known what *Negro* ſhall be accounted Rebellious, it is hereby declared, That all *Negroes* abſenting themſelves from their Owners Plantation the Term of Six Months, be, and are accounted as in actual Rebellion, any thing to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Sea-man or Soldier diſabled.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any of the Officers, or Sea-men on Board the ſaid Sloops or Veſſels, or in the ſaid Parties ſhall in actual Service, loſe either Leg or Arm, or be otherwiſe Diſabled, that then, and in all ſuch Caſes, all and every of the diſabled Men, ſhall receive Ten Pounds *per Annum* without Charge, during his or their natural Life, and alſo their Cures to be paid for out of the Publick Revenue of this Iſland, by Order of the Lieutenant-Governour and Council, or of the Government of this Iſland, out of the firſt Payment.

Remainder how applied.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That when there ſhall be no neceſſity for the ſaid Sloops or Veſſels of War, that it ſhall, and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners, or the *major* Part of them, to Sell the ſame, with all the Apparel and Furniture, and of the Money ariſing therefrom, with all other Summs of Money which ſhall remain over and above, or be not expended, of the Money ariſing, and appropriated by Virtue of this Act, and not hereby applied, ſhall be and remain in the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurers, or either of them, by this Act appointed, to be applied and diſpoſed of, for and towards ſuch other Uſe or Uſes as the Aſſembly of this Iſland ſhall appoint by a Law; and that the ſaid Receiver or Receivers, Treaſurer or Treaſurers, ſhall be allowed all his, or their, or either of their, reaſonable Charges, in and about the Diſcharging the Truſt hereby repoſed in them, Commiſſion or Pretences to Commiſſion, hereby excepted.

AND

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Fines and Forfeitures mentioned in this Act, and not declared where they ſhall be Recovered, or how Diſpoſed of, be One Half to Their Majeſties, for and towards the Support of the Government of this Iſland, and the contingent Charges thereof; the other Half to the Informer, who ſhall Sue for the ſame in any Court of Record within this Iſland, wherein no Eſſoin, Protection, Injunction, Wager of Law, or *Nonvult ulterius proſequi* ſhall be allowed. *Forfeitures, &c. diſpoſed of.*

An ACT

Appropriating ſeveral Summs of Money heretofore Raiſed, to the immediate Service of this Iſland.

WHEREAS there have been ſeveral Sums of Money raiſed by Virtue of one Act, Entitled, *An Act for Raiſing Money, for, and towards the Defence of this Iſland*; and alſo by one other Act, Entitled, *An Act for Raiſing Monies, as a further Aid to Their Majeſties, for, and towards the Defence of this Iſland*: And whereas it is provided in the ſaid Acts, That ſuch Part of the Monies ſo raiſed, and not laid out to the Uſes therein directed, ſhould be appropriated to ſuch Uſe or Service as the Governour, Council, and Aſſembly ſhall ſeem meet: We do therefore moſt humbly beſeech Your Majeſties, that it may be Enacted: *Preamble.*

AND

AND be it Enacted by your Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted, and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, That of the Monies ariſing by virtue of the Acts abovementioned, and not hitherto applied, or made uſe of, One Thouſand and Three Hundred Pound currant Money of this Iſland, be applied for the Payment of One Thouſand Pound *Sterling* in *England*, to Colonel *Peter Beckford*, to be by him made uſe of for the Service of this Iſland, in ſuch manner as he ſhall think fit, towards the effecting ſuch things as he ſhall be directed by the Governour there to Solicite.

Money appropriated.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That of the Monies ariſing by virtue of the Acts abovementioned, and not hitherto applied, or made uſe of, ſo much thereof as ſhall be neceſſary for the Victualling and Manning of a Sloop to Tranſport Colonel *Peter Beckford*, who is now going for *England* for the Service of this Iſland, ſhall be Paid as the Governour ſhall Direct.

AND be it alſo Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch Money as ſhall ariſe from the Freight of Goods, Shipped on Board the ſaid Sloop, either to, or from *England*, be by Colonel *Peter Beckford* applyed to the Defraying the Charges of the ſaid Veſſel, and that the Commander of the ſaid Sloop do from time to time obſerve all ſuch Orders and Inſtructions as he ſhall receive from the ſaid Colonel *Beckford*.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That of the Monies ariſing by virtue of the Acts aforeſaid, the Sum of One Thouſand Pound ſhall be Paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Appointed by an Act Entitled, *An Act to Reimburſe Their Majeſties Treaſury, and Encourage Their Subjects to come and Settle in this Iſland*, to be by them Employed, and uſed

uſed for the paying the Paſſages of ſuch Perſons as ſhall Tranſport themſelves hither upon the Encouragement of the ſaid Act, and to no other Uſes, Intents, or Purpoſes whatſoever, upon the Penalties in the ſaid Act mentioned.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That of the Money ariſing by virtue of the Acts aforeſaid, and not hitherto applyed, or made uſe of, that Seventy Pounds, or ſuch part thereof as ſhall be Expended, be applyed and made uſe of for the defraying the Charge of a Sloop already ſent to *Windward*, to Cruiſe there, to give notice to the *Engliſh* Fleet, daily expected here, of the Additional Force the *French* have, or may ſuddenly receive.

AND be it further Enacted, that of the Money ariſing by virtue of the Acts aforeſaid, and not hitherto applyed, or made uſe of, the Sum of One Hundred Sixty Two Pounds, be Paid into the Hands of Colonel *Edward Stanton*, for defraying the Charge of Twelve Men for Six Months, to be conſtantly kept at *Fort-William* at *Port-Morant* for their Defence thereof, and the Security of the Adjacent Parts.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Remainder of the ſaid Monies ariſing by virtue of the beforementioned Acts, and not by this preſent Act applyed, ſhall be by the Governour, by, and with the Advice and Conſent of the Council, applyed, and made uſe of for the immediate Defence of this Iſland, and to no other Uſes, Intents, or Purpoſes whatſoever, and the Receiver or Receivers, Treaſurer or Treaſurers, in the ſaid Act appointed, are hereby Required and Impowered to Pay the ſame accordingly, under the Penalties in this Act hereaftermentioned, any thing in this, or any other Act ſeeming to the Contrary, in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

AND be it further Enacted, that the Receivers and Treaſurers in the ſaid Acts appointed, are hereby Required and Impowred to Pay the ſeveral Sums by this Act appropriated, into the Hands of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be Impowred to receive the ſame, by virtue of a Warrant to them, or any of them, under the Hand of the Governour (by, and with the Advice and Conſent of the Council of this Iſland) and if the ſaid Receiver, or Receivers, Treaſurer, or Treaſurers, or any of them, ſhall refuſe to Pay the aforeſaid Sums, or any part thereof, having the ſame in their, or any of their Hands, the Receiver, or Treaſurer ſo refuſing, ſhall reſpectively Forfeit to Their Majeſties, for, and towards the Support of this Government, and the Charges thereof, double the Sum he ſhall ſo refuſe to Pay, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any Court of Record, where no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law ſhall be allowed.

Forfeit of the Receiver or Treaſurer refuſing to pay.

AND whereas with part of the Monies by the ſaid Acts ariſing, there were purchaſed for the Service of the Country Two Sloops, be it Enacted that the Governour, ſell, or make uſe of the ſaid Sloops for the Countries Service at his Diſcretion, and if ſold, the Governour apply the Monies, by, and with the Advice and Conſent of the Council as before directed.

Two Sloops to be diſpoſed of.

AND whereas ſeveral Sums of Money ordered to be Aſſeſſed, and Levyed by the abovementioned Acts, either not having been Aſſeſſed, nor Levyed within the time in the ſaid Acts limited and appointed in ſome of the Pariſhes within this Iſland;

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That where any Tax mentioned to be Raiſed by either of the above-recited Acts, and omitted to be either Aſſeſſed or Levyed by the Juſtices and Veſtry, or the Juſtices, where the Veſtries neglect their Duty, or where no Veſtry

Re-Aſſeſſment to be made.

Veſtry is, are Impowered at any other Day, or Place, within Three Months after the Paſſing this Act, as to the ſaid Juſtices ſhall ſeem meet to Appoint, to Aſſeſs, and Levy, as well during Martial Law, as while the Common-Law is in force, upon the ſeveral Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſhes, the ſaid Taxes: and iſſue out their Warrants accordingly to the reſpective Conſtables for the Collecting, Levying, and Diſtraining for the ſame, and Payment thereof, as is directed in the ſaid Acts; which ſaid Conſtables are hereby Impowered to Collect, and in Caſe of refuſal to Levy, and Diſtrain for the ſame accordingly, notwithſtanding the time then limited in the ſaid Acts be Elapſed, by reaſon of Martial-Law, or any other Cauſe, Protection, or Priviledge whatſoever; and whatſoever Juſtices, or Veſtry, or Conſtables, ſhall omit to do their Duty therein, ſhall Forfeit as is directed by the ſaid Acts, and to be Recovered and applied accordingly.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Pains and Penalties, by the abovementioned Acts, by any the Juſtices, or Veſtry of the reſpeſpective Pariſhes incurred, are hereby abſolutely remitted and diſcharged, and the Parties Offending fully indemnified for the ſame, any Law, or Statute to the Contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. *Penalties remitted.*

An ACT

For Appropriating ſeveral Sums of Money for the ſpeedy Relief of the Wounded, and Diſtreſſed Inhabitants of this Iſland, who have ſuffered by the late Invaſion of the French.

Preamble. WHEREAS there have been ſeveral Sums of Money Raiſed by virtue of one Act, Entitled, *An Act for Raiſing Money, for, and towards the Defence of this Iſland*; And alſo by One other Act, Entitled, *An Act for Raiſing Money as a further Aid to their Majeſties, for, and towards the Defence of this Iſland*; and whereas it's Provided in the ſaid Acts, that ſuch part of the Money ſo Raiſed, and not laid out to the Uſes therein Directed, ſhould be appropriated to ſuch other Uſe and Service as to the Governour, Council, and Aſſembly ſhall ſeem meet.

Recourſe to former Acts. AND whereas by a Subſequent Act of Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly of this Their Majeſties Iſland of *Jamaica*, made this preſent Seſſions of this Aſſembly; 'twas Enacted among other things, that of the Money ariſing by virtue of the Acts abovementioned, and not therein applied or made uſe of, the Sum of One Thouſand and Three Hundred Pound currant Money of this Iſland, ſhould be applied for the Payment of One Thouſand Pound Sterling in *England*, to Colonel *Peter Beckford*, to be by him made uſe of for the Service of this Iſland, in ſuch manner as he ſhould

ſhould think fit, towards the Effecting ſuch things as he ſhould be directed there to Solicite by the Governour.

AND whereas by the ſaid Act it was further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that out of the Monies ariſing by virtue of the ſaid Acts abovementioned, and not applied or made uſe of, as much thereof as ſhould be neceſſary for the Victualling and Manning a Sloop to Tranſport Colonel *Peter Beckford*, who was then going for *England* for the Service of this Iſland, ſhould be Paid as the Governour ſhould Direct.

AND whereas it was further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That of the Monies ariſing by virtue of the Acts abovementioned, and not hitherto applied or made uſe of, the Sum of One Hundred Sixty and Two Pounds, ſhould be Paid into the Hands of Colonel *Edward Stanton*, for defraying the Charge of Twelve Men for Six Months, to be conſtantly kept at *Fort-William* at *Port-Morant* for the Defence thereof, and Security of the adjacent Parts.

AND whereas the Receivers and Treaſurers in the ſaid Act firſt abovementioned and appointed, are Required and Impowered by the ſaid appropriating Act, to Pay the ſeveral Sums by the ſaid Acts appropriated under certain Penalties therein contained, into the Hands of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be impowered to receive the ſame, by virtue of a Warrant, to them, or any of them, under the Hand of the Governour, by, and with the Advice, and Conſent of the Council; ſince the Paſſing of which Act, Intitled, *An Act for Appropriating ſeveral Sums of Money heretofore Raiſed to the immediate Service of this Iſland*; this Your Majeſties Iſland has been moſt miſerably harraſſed by Your Majeſties Enemies, Subjects to the Crown of *France*, who with inhuman barbarity, with Fire and Sword, have laid Waſt Four Pariſhes of this Iſland, and infeſted and deſtroyed ſeveral Plantations in the other Pariſhes, to the utter ruin and

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deſtruction of moſt of the Inhabitants thereof, whereby without ſome ſpeedy Relief, ſeveral Hundreds of this Your Majeſties Iſland muſt periſh through Extreme Want, and the ſaid Pariſhes, and moſt part of the Sea-Coaſts be wholly Deſerted, being deſtitute of Habitations, and having no Means to Rebuild them, except ſome ſpeedy Succour from the Publick.

General Calamity.

WE therefore Your Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly, do humbly pray Your Majeſty, that for the immediate Relief and Support of the ſaid poor diſtreſſed Inhabitants of this Iſland, who have ſuffered in the late Invaſion; it may be Enacted, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the ſame, that the aforeſaid Sum of One Thouſand and Three Hundred Pounds above recited, by the Appropriating Act ordered to be applied for the Payment of One Thouſand Pound *Sterling* in *England* to Colonel *Peter Beckford*, to be by him made uſe of as by the ſaid Act is directed, as alſo the ſaid Sum of One Hundred, Sixty and Two Pound, by the ſaid Act appointed to be Paid into the Hands of Colonel *Edward Stanton*, for the defraying the Charge of Twelve Men for Six Months, to be conſtantly kept at *Fort-William* at *Port-Morant* for the Defence thereof, and the Security of the Parts adjacent, which ſaid Sums are not yet made uſe of, be forthwith applied for, and towards the Relief of the ſaid diſtreſſed Inhabitants of this Your Majeſties Iſland of *Jamaica*, who have ſuffered by the barbarous Cruelties of Your Majeſties Enemies, in the late Invaſion of this Iſland by the *French*, as alſo for the Relief of the Sick and Wounded Perſons in the late Expedition to *Whily-Wood* againſt the Enemy, and to no other uſe whatſoever; to be diſtributed in ſuch manner, and to ſuch Perſons as ſhall ſeem meet to the Commiſſioners to be appointed by Your Majeſties Lieutenant-Governor, and Council of this Your Iſland for that purpoſe.

Appropriations taken off.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that the abovementioned Act, Paſt this preſent Seſſions

ſions Entitled, *An Act appropriating ſeveral Sums of Money heretofore Raiſed, to the immediate Service of this Iſland*, as to ſo much of the ſaid Act only as concerns the applying the One Thouſand and Three Hundred Pound, for the Payment of One Thouſand Pound *Sterling* in *England* to Colonel *Peter Beckford*, to be by him made uſe of for the Service of this Iſland; as alſo for the applying any Sums of Monies other than what are already Expended for the Victualling and Manning a Sloop to Tranſport the ſaid Colonel *Peter Beckford* for *England*, or whereby the Receivers or Treaſurers, who by the Two Acts firſt abovementioned, are Appointed, Required, and Impowered to Pay the ſeveral Sums, by the ſaid Appropriating Act applied, into the Hands of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be Impowered to receive the ſame by virtue of a Warrant to them, or any of them, under the Hand of the Governour, by, and with the Advice and Conſent of the Council, as alſo for the applying One Hundred Sixty and Two Pounds to be Paid into the Hands of Colonel *Edward Stanton*, for the defraying the Charge of Twelve Men for Six Months, to be conſtantly kept at *Fort William* at *Port-Morant*, ſhall be, and are hereby Repealed to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, any thing in the ſaid recited Act to the Contrary notwithſtanding. *Repeal of Clauſes.*

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An ACT

For the Encouragement, and Freedom of Servants, and Slaves which have done, or ſhall do any remarkable Service againſt the French *during this preſent War.*

Preamble. WHEREAS upon Advice of the late Invaſion made by the *French* upon this Iſland, there was ſet forth an Order of Council of War for the Encouragement of *Negroes*, that all *Negroes*, or Slaves that ſhould do any Eminent Service againſt the Enemy ſhould be forthwith ſet Free, and that it is alſo thought reaſonable for the Reward of Servants that have behaved themſelves well in the late Service, that they be freed of the time they have yet to Serve:

Servants ſignalizing themſelves againſt the Enemy. BE it therefore Enacted and Ordained by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority of the ſame, that all Servants who receive no Salary, which have, or ſhall do any good Service againſt the Enemy, the *French*, and can prove the ſame before the Commiſſioners hereafter named, ſhall forthwith be freed; and that the ſaid Commiſſioners upon Enquiry made of what time any ſuch Servant or Servants had to Serve, and his, and their Occupation, ſhall Value and Appraiſe the ſaid time, he, or they had to Serve, and give him, or them, a Certificate mentioning, his, or their Name or Names, and the Party, or Parties, to whom he, or they belonged, and the Sum or Sums the Owner, or Owners ought to receive

receive for him or them, which being Entred into the Secretary's Office, ſhall be a ſufficient Teſtimony of his or their Freedom, as alſo a good Proof for the Owner or Owners to Recover the Summ or Summs he or they were appraiſed at.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Slaves that have, or ſhall during this War with *France*, do any Remarkable good Service againſt the Enemy, and make Proofs thereof before the ſaid Commiſſioners hereafter named, ſhall be Freed; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall give the ſaid Slave a Certificate, mentioning his Name, the Perſon to whom he belonged, and the Price he was appraiſed and valued at, which is not to exceed the Summ of Fifty Pounds, which ſaid Certificate being entred into the Secretary's Office, ſhall be ſufficient to Diſcharge him of his Slavery, and a Proof for the Owner to Recover what he was appraiſed at, which Summ for either Servant or Slave ſo ſet Free and appraiſed, is to be paid out of Money to be raiſed for that purpoſe. *Slaves freed.*

AND whereas divers Perſons have for the Defence of this Iſland, Armed, and ſent out ſeveral of their *Negroes* or Slaves, who have been killed in Service:

BE it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That upon Proof made before the ſaid Commiſſioners, of any ſuch *Negro* or Slave ſo killed in Service, or that ſhall be during the War, the Owner or Owners thereof, ſhall receive ſuch Summ or Summs of Money as the Commiſſioners ſhall think fit, not exceeding the Summ of Fifty Pounds, to be paid to the Owner or Owners, in the ſame manner, as is before expreſſed for Servants, *Negroes*, or Slaves ſo Freed. *Slave kill'd.*

Owner detaining a Slave.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that any Owner or Overſeer, that ſhall hinder any Servant or Slave from Repairing to the Commiſſioners hereafter in this Act mentioned, to make their Pretenſions, and Claim their Freedom, ſuch Owner or Overſeer, ſhall Forfeit ſuch Servant or Slave, and they be made Free, and no Satisfaction to be made to the Owner for ſuch Servant or Slave.

Commiſſioners for Claims.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Honourable *Richard Lloyd* Eſquire, *Francis Roſe*, *James Baniſter*, *Thomas Bindlos*, and *John Walters* Eſquires, or any Three of them, be, and are hereby Authorized and Appointed to be Commiſſioners for the Hearing and Determining all Claims that ſhall be made by Virtue of this Act, by any Servant or Slave, and that the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, are hereby fully Impowered to Adminiſter Oaths to any Perſon or Perſons that can give Evidence therein, and Iſſue out their Warrants for all Perſons to attend and come before them, who can give Evidence relating to the Matters, to be by them Determined, by Virtue of this Act, and to Impriſon for Three Months without Bail or Mainprize, all ſuch Perſons as ſhall refuſe Obedience to ſuch their Warrants iſſued out, and the Determination concerning the Freedom of any Servant or Slave made by the Commiſſioners aforeſaid, or any Three of them, purſuant to this Act, being ſignified under their Hands and Seals, ſhall be the final Determination of all Claims and Diſputes that ſhall or may ariſe by Virtue of this Act without any further Appeal; any Thing to the contrary notwithſtanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Honourable *Nicholas Laws* Eſquire, *Edward Stanton*, *Modyford Freeman*, *Joſiah Heathcote*, and *James Bradſhaw*

Bradſhaw Eſquires, or any Three of them, be, and are hereby Appointed and Authorized to be Commiſſioners to Hear and Determine all Claims that ſhall or may be made by Virtue of this Act, by any Servant or Slave who ſhall belong to the Pariſhes of *Kingſton*, St. *Andrews*, St. *Davids*, and St. *Thomas* to *Windward*, in the ſame manner, and have and full like Power and Authority as is given to the Commiſſioners firſt abovementioned. *Other Commiſſioners.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Honourable *Richard Lloyd* Eſquire, *Francis Roſe*, *James Baniſter*, *Thomas Bindlos*, and *John Walters* Eſquires, or any Three of them, do meet on *Thurſday* the Nineth Day of *Auguſt*, in this preſent Year, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Four, and St. *Jago de la Vega*, and ſo every *Thurſday* in the next Six Weeks following, and then to adjourn themſelves from time to time as they ſhall think fit. *Time of Meeting.*

AND the Honourable *Nicholas Laws*, *Edward Stanton*, *Modyford Freeman*, *Joſiah Heathcote*, and *James Bradſhaw* Eſquires, or any Three of them, are hereby required to meet at *Kingſton*, on *Thurſday* the Nineth of *Auguſt*, in this preſent Year, One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Four, and every *Thurſday* in the next Six Weeks following, and then to adjourn themſelves from time to time as they ſhall think fit; and all Marſhals and Conſtables, are hereby required to give their Attendance, and Execute their Order as required by the ſaid Commiſſioners; and the Secretary keep a Book, wherein ſhall be Entred the Certificates of all ſuch Servants or Slaves who ſhall be Freed by Virtue of this Act as aforeſaid, and that he take Fifteen Pence for his Fee, and no more. *Officers to attend.*

AND be it further Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Accounts for Proviſions furniſhed to Their Majeſties for Man and Horſe, for Publick Work done, and Materials found for the Fortifica-

tions, and all others Things and Matters relating any wise to the Preparations that were made for Defence of this Island, be stated and adjusted by *Samuel Lewis* and *John Walters* Esquires, at St. *Jago de la Vega*; *Charles Whittle* and *Charles Saddler* Esquires, of *Port-Royal*; *Edmond Edlin* and *Samuel Foxley* Esquires, at *Kingston*, who are hereby Appointed, Authorized, and Impowered to *audit* the same; and that a Certificate of the State thereof, under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or any one of them, shall be sufficient to Entitle the several Parties concerned to demand and receive out of the Money to be raised for that purpose, the Sumes due to them, without any further Proof.

Auditors of Accounts.

AND the said Commissioners are hereby Required and Impowered to Hear and Determine the several Causes in this Act mentioned Material or any other Law to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided this Act continue in Force during this present War with *France*, and no longer.

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An ACT

For Prevention of Indebted Persons from Departing this Island in the Time of Martial-Law.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Island now in Force, Entitled, *An Act for Settling the Militia*; the Martial-Law may on ſome Emergent Occaſions be declared to be in Force, on the ceaſing of which, the Common-Law revives and takes Place, whereby in the ſaid Times, ſeveral Ill-diſpoſed Perſons, and indebted, take Advantage and go off the Iſland, to the manifeſt Loſs of their Creditors, and general Diſcouragement to Trade: Be it therefore Enacted and Ordained by the Lieutenant-Governour, Council and Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Creditor or Creditors, to Stop, Arreſt, and Detain in Priſon by due Proceſs of Law, any Debtor or Debtors that ſhall attempt, or go about to depart this Iſland, until he or they ſhall Pay and Satisfy their Debt or Debts; or in caſe of ſuch going off, or departure, a Foreign Attachment may Iſſue againſt his or their Goods or Chattels, as in time of the Common-Law, notwithſtanding the ſaid afore-recited Act, or any Clauſe therein, being, or ſeeming to the contrary notwithſtanding. *Preamble.* *Debtors detained.* *Attachment.*

AND whereas ſeveral Diſputes have heretofore ariſen about the Proceedings of the Surveyors of High-ways, *Surveyors of High-ways.*

ways, and of the Juſtices, Veſtries, and Church-Wardens within the ſeveral Pariſhes and Precincts in this Iſland, for keeping in Repair the High-ways, Raiſing and Laying on the Pariſh Taxes, and Collecting, Levying, and Applying the ſame by the Conſtable, or any other Officer or Officers thereto appointed, in the time when Martial-Law is in Force in this Iſland, for the prevention of which, and avoiding the like Inconvenience occaſioned by Evil-diſpoſed Perſons, to the Prejudice of Their Majeſties Service, and Injury to the Publick:

BE it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Church-Wardens, and Surveyors of the High-ways, ſhall proceed to the Diſcharge of their ſeveral Duties; and the Juſtices, and the Veſtries in the ſeveral and reſpective Pariſhes and Precincts within this Iſland, as well when Martial-Law is in Force, as at any other time, are hereby Required and Impowered to Meet, and Raiſe ſuch Parochial Tax or Taxes, as by the ſeveral Acts is Directed and Appointed; and the ſeveral Conſtables Collect, Levy, and Diſtrain for the ſame accordingly; and any Juſtice, Church-Warden, Veſtry-man, Surveyor or Conſtable, neglecting his or their Duty, he or they ſo Offending, ſhall incur the Penalty in the Acts mentioned; any Act, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

AND be it further Enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in Force during this preſent War with *France*, and no longer.

WHICH Laws having upon the Peruſal of the Right Honourable, the Lords of the Committee of Trade, and Foreign Plantations, been Preſented to His Majeſty at this Board, His Majeſty was Graciouſly Pleaſed, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, to Approve and Confirm the ſame; and purſuant to His Royal Pleaſure thereupon, Signified and Expreſſed, all the ſaid Laws, as afore-mentioned, are hereby Approved and Confirmed accordingly.

Will. Bridgeman.

AT THE COURT AT KENSINGTON,

The 26th Day of *December*, 1695.

PRESENT

The King's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY,

In COUNCIL.

Lord Keeper.
Lord Privy-Seal.
Duke of Norfolk.
Duke of Schonberge.
Duke of Shrewsbury.
Marq. of Wincheſter.
Lord Great Chamberlain.
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Earl of Romney.
Lord Godolphin.
Mr. Vice-Chamberlain.
Mr. Secret. Trumbull.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
L. Chief Juſtice Holt.
Mr. Ruſſell.
Mr. Boſcawen.
Mr. Smith.

WHEREAS *by Commiſſion under the Great Seal of* England, *to Sir* William Beeſton, *Knight, His* MAJESTY's *Lieutenant-Governour, and Commander in Chief of the Iſland of* JA-

JAMAICA, *bearing Date the Twentieth Day of* September, *One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety Two, in the Fourth Year of His* MAJESTY's *Reign; His* MAJESTY *has been Graciouſly pleaſed to Authorize and Impower the Governour, Council, and Aſſembly of the ſaid Iſland, to Conſtitute, and Ordain Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, which are to Continue and be in Force, till His* MAJESTY's *Pleaſure be ſignified to the contrary: And foraſmuch as a certain Law, has in purſuance of the ſaid Commiſſion, been tranſmitted to His* MAJESTY, *with the Humble Deſire of the Governour, Council and Aſſembly, That His* MAJESTY *would be Pleaſed to Paſs the ſame in the Words following,* viz.

An ACT

To Enable George Ivey *Eſquire, to Sell his Eſtate for the Payment of the Debts of his Father* William Ivey *Eſquire, Deceaſed.*

Preamble. WHEREAS *William Ivey* Eſquire, lately Deceaſed, was Seized in his Demeſnes as of Fee, of, and in ſeveral Plantations, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, with the Appurtenances, in the Pariſhes of *Clarendon*, *Vere*, and S. *Katherines*, and elſewhere within this Iſland, and of ſeveral *Negroes*, and Stock thereunto belonging and appertaining: All which ſaid Plantations, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, together with all and every the *Negroes* thereon being, or thereunto belonging, by his Laſt Will and Teſtament, bearing Date the One and Twentieth Day of *September*, One Thouſand Six Hundred Eighty Nine; he deviſed to *George Ivey* Eſquire, his Eldeſt Son and his Heirs, and for want of Iſſue of him the ſaid *George*, to *William Ivey*, Second Son of the ſaid *William* the Teſtator, and the Heirs of his Body, with divers Remainders over; and of his ſaid Will, made the ſaid *George* his Eldeſt Son ſole Executor, who ſince, has duly proved his ſaid Father's ſaid Will.

AND whereas the ſaid *William* the Teſtator, was at the time of his Deceaſe indebted to the Royal *African* Company of *England*, and to divers other Perſons, by Judgment, Bonds and otherwiſe, in the Summ of Two Thouſand Pounds and upwards; and foraſmuch as the Perſonal Eſtate of the ſaid *William* the Teſtator, not including the ſaid *Negroes* and Stock, was ſo very inconſiderable,

ſiderable that the ſaid *George Ivey* by Reaſon of the Intail aforeſaid, without the Aſſiſtance of an Act of the Aſſembly, has no way left of Paying his Fathers ſaid Debts, unleſs by the Sale of all the ſaid *Negroes*, and Stock left upon, and belonging to the Lands and Plantations ſo Intailed, which muſt inevitably Ruin and Deſtroy the ſaid Plantations, *&c.*

AND foraſmuch as it is highly juſt and reaſonable, that no Act of the ſaid *William Ivey*, the Teſtator, ſhould prevent, or hinder all, or any part of his ſaid Eſtate, from being lyable, and ſubject to the payment of his juſt Debts, or debar the ſaid *George*, his eldeſt Son, from diſpoſing of, and applying the ſame for the payment and diſcharge of the ſame; and foraſmuch as *William Ivey*, the ſecond Son of *William* the Teſtator, to whom the next remainder in Tail after the Death of *George*, the Tenant now in Poſſeſſion, without Iſſue of his Body is limited, has, upon Conſideration of the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, teſtified, and declared his Conſent to the Paſſing of this preſent Act: *Conſent of the Second Son.*

BE it therefore Enacted by Their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and Aſſembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the ſame, that for the Payment of the Debts aforeſaid, it ſhall, and may be lawful to, and for the ſaid *George Ivey*, and he is hereby fully Authorized, Impowered, and Enabled to Sell, Diſpoſe of, or Convey, or by his laſt Will and Teſtament to Deviſe all, or any part or parcel of the ſaid Plantations, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments abovementioned, together with all, and every the *Negroes* thereunto belonging, or appertaining, to any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, in ſuch manner and form, and as amply, and effectually, to all Intents, Conſtructions, and Purpoſes, as if the ſame had Deſcended to him the ſaid *George Ivey*, and he were thereof Seized and Poſſeſſed in Fee-Simple, and no ſuch Intail and Remainder, or Remainders as aforeſaid had ever been made, limited, or

created; and the Purchaſer, or Purchaſers, Deviſee, or Deviſees of the ſame, or any part or parcel thereof, ſhall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be Seized thereof, and of every part and parcel thereof, to them, and their Heirs for ever, as if the ſaid *George* had ſuffered a Common Recovery in Their Majeſties Court of *Common-Pleas*, at *Weſtminſter*, of all, or any part or parcel of the ſaid Premiſes, to the Uſe, or Uſes of the Purchaſer, or Purchaſers, Deviſee or Deviſees, and of their Heirs for ever; and the ſaid Purchaſer, or Purchaſers, Deviſee or Deviſees, their Heirs or Aſſigns, ſhall, and may hold, occupy, and enjoy the ſame free from any Eſtates, Uſes, Limitations, Remainders, Charges, and Proviſoes, had, made, or created, in, and by the ſaid laſt Will and Teſtament of the abovementioned *William Ivey*, the Teſtator, any Law, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

Purchaſer, &c. ſecured.

WHICH

WHICH Law having upon the Peruſal of the Right Honourable, the Lords of the Committee of Trade, and Foreign Plantations, been Preſented to His Majeſty at this Board, His Majeſty was Graciouſly Pleaſed, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, to Approve and Confirm the ſame; and purſuant to His Royal Pleaſure thereupon, Signified and Expreſſed, the ſaid Law as afore-mentioned, is hereby Approved and Confirmed accordingly.

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